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FIT FOR A QUEEN With the majestic backdrop of fresh vegetables surrounding the presidential seal, President Aquino toasts Queen Sofia of Spain during the state banquet for the royal guest in Malacañang. Flanking them are Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile (left) and Jesus Manuel Gracia Aldaz, Spain's secretary of state for international cooperation. The queen's 5-day visit highlights the celebration of Philippine-Spain Friendship starting June 30.

'Spratlys cop' role for US

Manila accused of plotting vs Beijing

BEIJING—The mouthpiece of the Chinese Communist Party yesterday accused the Philippines of orchestrating a plot to deliberately stir up tensions over the disputed West Philippine Sea (South China Sea), and warned that Beijing's patience should not be mistaken for weakness.

The People's Daily, China's top newspaper, made the accusation after President Aquino told Reuters on Monday that Manila may ask Washington to monitor the West Philippine Sea by deploying its spy planes over the disputed area, a move that was likely to worsen relations with Beijing.

The Philippines and China have been locked in a standoff at Scarborough Shoal, a horseshoe-shaped reef near Luzon's

MANILA A8

WHERE'S THE DRAIN? A worker searches for the blocked drainage that triggered waist-deep floods along V. Luna Street in Quezon City early Tuesday following heavy rains. YOSHIKO SAMSUDI

American spy planes to boost PH defense

By Tina G. Santos and Christian V. Esguerra

LET THE United States police the disputed waters of Scarborough Shoal and keep the peace.

Thus, President Aquino's plan to ask the United States to deploy spy planes over the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea) should not be seen as an escalation of tensions between the Philippines and China, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) said yesterday.

"In a treaty ally, the US has been assisting us in developing a minimum credible defense posture and that includes maritime domain awareness and surveillance reconnaissance as well as intelligence gathering," DFA spokesperson Raul Hernandez said.

He said the flybys would only be for surveillance and monitoring.

"We are just monitoring what is happening in our areas, in our territories," Hernandez said, stressing that these activities were a sovereign prerogative. He said he had no further details on Mr. Aquino's plan.

Sen. Gregorio Honasan yesterday welcomed the President's move and even suggested that the United States could redeploy to Scarborough Shoal.

SPRATLYS COP! A6

US journalist in the Spanish-American war cites Pinoys' strong sense of justice

By Jerome Aning

IN THE CENTURY so as of Philippine-US relations—marked today as Filipino-American Friendship Day—Americans are feverishly portrayed as illiterate and/or imperialistic colonizers, democratic allies and benevolent teachers, missionaries and investors, or tourists and bride seekers.

Francis D. Millet came with the US volunteers in 1898 as a journalist embedded in the American army and wrote about what he saw in the strange country seemingly with the air of white-man superiority typical of the era. Fourteen years later, he would be among the passengers riding first-class who drowned in the sinking of the RMS Titanic that killed 1,500 people.

A visual artist turned journalist, Millet was in the Philippines from June to September 1898 as a war correspondent

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Palace: Why fly by? Just click Google Earth

By Norman Bordadora

WHAT'S the big deal on US P3C Orion overflights in this digital age?

Scarborough Shoal is just a mouse click away on Google Earth, or so says Communications Secretary Ricky Carandang.

Carandang was reacting to suggestions that China might be offended by President Aquino's statement in an interview with Reuters on Monday that he might ask the United States to deploy spy planes over the West Philippine Sea to watch over disputed

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Philippines moves to claim, secure Benham Rise

By Kristine L. Alave

AFTER getting the nod of the United Nations on its claim to Benham Rise, the Philippines has moved in on the submerged landmass believed to be rich in natural gas and minerals off eastern Luzon.

Benham Rise is found in one of the country's "exceptional" fishing grounds, according to Assistant Director Gil Adora of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR). His

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De Lima: I'm no stooge

By Marlon Ramos

SHE WON'T budge.

Justice Secretary Leila de Lima yesterday decided she would be on administration storage should President Aquino appoint her to succeed ousted Chief Justice Renato Corona.

De Lima also stood firm on her decision to undergo screening of the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) for the coveted post.

Rejecting the call of House Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales

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CNN anchor Anderson Cooper: I am gay

FOR ONE of America's best-known television news anchors to be identified as gay was, until very recently, seen as a potential career-killer.

But then, on Monday, it happened. And the TV nation seemed to shrug.

The acknowledgment by Anderson Cooper—who has been the biggest star on CNN for the better part of a decade—that "I'm gay, always have been, always will be" said as much, or more, about television audiences' changing views on homosexuality as it did about the newsperson himself.

There were long discussions

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Miriam asked: When will you quit?

Comelec pressed for time, wants early decision by senator

By Jeannie Aving

SANTIAGO

BRILLANTES

COMMISSION on Elections chair Sixto Brillantes Jr. hopes Sen. Miriam Defensor-Santiago will decide whether or not to resign her position before the end of the year so he can finalize the number of senatorial slots that will be up for grabs in next year's midterm poll.

Brillantes, in an interview, said it would be better if Santiago quit before the deadline of the filing of the certificates of candidacy in October so that Comelec could open a 13th slot for senators in the May 2013 elections and recondition the electronic counting machines.

The Project Count Optical Scan (PCOS) machines used in the automated election, he explained, "will have to decide how many [circles] the people will have to shade because if you shade 13 when you're supposed to shade only 12, your vote will be nullified. That's why it's important that we know whether it's 12 or 13 in the contingencies," Brillantes said.

Should Santiago resign, the Comelec chief said the senatorial candidate who would place 13th in the election next year would serve the remainder of Santiago's term until 2016.

"My appeal to her is ... I think she should resign before October 5 so by that time we will know whether or not we will say, 'shade 13' or 'shade 12 on the ballot,'" he told reporters.

Senator Santiago was elected earlier this year as a judge of the 16-member International Criminal Court (ICC) based in The Hague, Netherlands. She had postponed taking her oath.

"I'll just call her and talk to her, anyway, she's my friend. She said she will resign and I'm still waiting for her letter. There's no letter yet as I'll just call her," Brillantes said.

The Comelec chief said Santiago could also opt to resign by December this year, when the contingency of PCOS machines would be finished.

"She can still resign until December because we will do the configurations of the machines by January," he said.

Otherwise, if there's a vacancy, the Senate must pass a resolution and then call for a special election for the remaining three years. But if Santiago leaves for The Hague early, the vacancy can be included in the May elections next year, Brillantes said.

In a previous interview with the Inquirer, Santiago said she could not tell for sure when she would join the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

She said the matter would depend on when the position would become vacant, citing an ICC policy that a sitting judge would have to finish all his cases even after his term has already expired.

Santiago said the ICC had asked her and other incoming judges to stay put in the meantime. She said she would likely stay at the Senate for the remainder of the year. With a report from Christian Esguerra

'Let public identify fake party-list reps'

By Gil C. Cabacungan and Jeannie Aving

JAMBOYO

LAWMAKERS yesterday said opinions polling party-list accreditation and nomination were flourishing because of the lack of transparency in the Commission on Elections' (Comelec) approval process.

ACT Teachers party-list Rep. Antonio Tinio said the Comelec could easily weed out bogus groups if it allowed the public to scrutinize the applications of organizations seeking accreditation to run in elections.

"The people can help the Comelec identify bogus party-lists but they have to be armed with information which right now is mostly in the hands of the Comelec. If this information is hidden from the public then bogus party-list could slip into Congress more easily," said Tinio.

Unreasonable

Tinio said persons who could prove some party-list groups were false were frustrated by the Comelec's unreasonable and uneven application of its rules on screening copies of petitions for registration, membership of voters and other documents filed by party-list applicants.

"Some restrictions like notary of register and unrelated photocopying fees are unreasonable but the lengthy processes and requirements are not," he said.

"Genuine members of organizations that truly represent marginalized sectors are in the best position to tell which groups are those that filed petitions and unscrupulous are fake," Tinio said. "They would be example enablers to the Comelec that the groups' track records prove that they are actually working against their sectors' interest, or that those persons are not really members of the sectors and had never subscribed for them."

Rich and powerful

Fresh Abras party-list Rep. Vicente Somsong and the Comelec should realize that the takeover by rich and powerful individuals of party-list groups subverted the system of congress' bribery in the supposed progress.

"That's why we're calling for a congressional investigation. The suspicion of bribery is strong due to the lack of standards or logic in previous Comelec decisions to accredit party-list groups that could not be deemed marginalized by any stretch of the imagination. I'm glad the new Comelec chair has announced that they will cooperate with the senate's garbo if only to cleanse the party-list system of the undeserving rich and powerful and give it back to the poor and marginalized," Lobregat said.

Still watching Kontra Daya yesterday also criticized the Comelec for allowing the party-list system to be dominated by people who could not be considered marginalized and who had links to established political families and big business interests.

Questionable groups

Kontra Daya said the poll agency accredited "questionable" party-list groups in 2007 and 2010, citing "as glaring cases of violations of the spirit of the party-list system" the approval of Jose Miguel "Migs" Arroyo of Ang Galing Pinoy, businessman Teodoro Haresco of Ang Kasangga and Catalina Bagasina of Abi as examples of nominees with no ties to the sectors they represent.

"The straw that broke camel's back was the duty claim to present [security guards, workers, small entrepreneurs] and are financially capable to compete in the regular congressional district election," the watchdog said.

Arroyo, Haresco and Bagasina were at the top three richest party-list representatives as of 2011 with a combined net worth of P328.7 million, according to Kontra Daya.

Bagasina, whose group claims to represent laborers and employees, had a net worth of P133 million as of 2011, while Arroyo, whose party represents security guards and tricycle drivers, was worth P90.81 million.

Haresco represents small entrepreneurs and has net worth of P92.8 million. He was initially disallowed as a party-list representative by the Comelec.

Kontra Daya said the Comelec only had itself to blame after several congressmen pushed for an inquiry into the alleged "sale" of party-list accreditations by "Ilaw" within the poll agency.

"The Comelec cannot wash its hands of the problems. The Comelec accreditation process is highly questionable. It is no secret in that party-list rule is hijacking because known groups are that there is a big chance for moneyed candidates to gain a seat in Congress via the party-list system," the watchdog said.

It called on the Comelec to "clean up this mess" by reviewing the accreditation of organizations before they are allowed to run again and "make a mockery" of the party-list system.

Kontra Daya published a list showing the 2011 net worths of the party-list representatives in the House of Representatives. Of the 56 party-list members, 48 were millionaires.

'Marginalized' but rich

The wealthy listed Abra Rep. Christopher Co as the fourth richest party-list representative with a net worth of P91.86 million, followed by resigned 1-Ukay Rep. Hussein Mewasalu, who was worth P63 million.

Other rich party-list lawmakers, according to Kontra Daya, included businessman David Ilko of Senior Citizens with P58.5 million; Patricio Antonio of Agbiag and a former Cagayan district congressman, P56.841 million; Jocelyn Nikolay of Bidoy and son of El Shaddai evangelist Bro. Mike Velarde, P53.1 million;

Armed Forces's Alfi, P48.5 million; Nicanor Briones, Apip, P46.6 million; Cardinal Leonen-Pizarro, ABS and wife of Court of Appeals Justice Normandie Pizarro, P40.37 million; and Beryl Grace Alcantara, Sanggu Bayan and wife of Sorsogon Rep. Sally Lapiz-Escudero, P35.44 million.

Brillantes, for his part, said the Comelec was continuing to scrutinize the qualifications of current and hopeful party-list groups and their nominees.

"Our first step is to screen them, if they really represent marginalized groups and if their nominees are really qualified as required by the Supreme Court. If a group represents security guards, should its nominees also be security guards, for example. Those that we questioned during the accreditation the last time, we want to make sure they will not be accredited again," he said.

No term-sharing

Brillantes said reforms in the party-list system were being implemented one by one, beginning with the ban on term-sharing. He pointed out that on June 27, the Comelec disallowed Jessie Christal Silva's resignation in December in favor of the group's fourth nominee, Romelyn Arquiza.

"Public office is not a commodity that can be shared, apportioned or be made the subject of any private agreement. Public office is vested with public interest that should not be violated by individual interest," said the Comelec decision penned by Brillantes.

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Fewer Pinoys went hungry in last 3 months, survey says

FEWER Filipino families said they experienced hunger in the second quarter of the year, according to the latest Social Weather Stations (SWS) survey.

Results of the survey conducted May 26-27 and first published in BusinessWorld, showed that 18.4 percent, or an estimated 3.8 million households, were hungry in the last quarter compared to the record-high 20.8 percent, or 4.6 million households, recorded in the previous quarter.

In the survey, 1,200 respondents nationwide in the last three months, did it happen even once that your family experienced hunger and did not have anything to eat?

Those who answered "yes" were further asked: Did it happen only once, a few times, often or always?

Classifying hunger

SWS classified "moderate hunger" as experiencing hunger "only once" or "a few times," while going hungry "often" or "always" was categorized as experiencing "severe hunger."

The numbers that experienced moderate hunger nationwide declined from 16 percent in March (3.7 million) to 12.7 percent (2.9 million) in May.

Severe hunger remained almost unchanged nationwide from 5.0 percent (1.2 million) in March to 4.8 percent (974,000 households).

SWS used face-to-face interviews for the survey, which had a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points for national percentages and plus or minus 6 percentage points for area percentages.

By location, overall hunger increased in Metro Manila and the balance of Luzon, but was in the Visayas. In Mindanao, it was statistically the same, given the margin of error.

In Metro Manila, severe hunger fell from 24.3 percent in March to 16 percent in May, the lowest since June 2011, when overall hunger was at 13 percent.

Overall hunger

Moderate hunger in Metro Manila declined from 36.5 percent to 12.7 percent, while severe hunger dipped from 8 percent to 5.3 percent.

Overall hunger in the balance of Luzon also decreased significantly from 28 percent in March to 15.3 percent in May.

Those who experienced moderate hunger in the balance of Luzon fell from 22 percent to 8.7 percent, while severe hunger was unchanged from 6 percent in March to 6.7 percent in May.

On the other hand, those who experienced hunger in the Visayas rose from 16.0 percent in March to 17.3 percent in May. Moderate hunger rose in the region from 7.7 percent to 15 percent.

Those who were hungry in Mindanao increased from 28.7 percent to 28.3 percent. Moderate hunger in the region was almost 12-3 percent in March to 22.3 percent, while severe hunger was also unchanged from 6.7 percent to 6 percent.

Hunger also declined among the self-rated poor and food-poor. Among households that considered themselves poor, those who said they were hungry went down from 32.4 percent in March to 22.2 percent in May. Hunger among families that considered themselves food-poor decreased from 37.5 percent to 31.8 percent.

Moderate hunger declined among the self-rated poor (from 23.2 percent to 19 percent) and the self-rated food-poor (from 25.6 percent to 18.4 percent).

Severe hunger among the self-rated poor went down from 9.2 percent to 7 percent but was almost unchanged among the self-rated food poor (from 10.5 percent to 9.7 percent). Inquirer Research

DFA optimistic HK will ease travel restraint

By Jerry E. Esplanada

AFTER nearly one years of talks with Hong Kong officials, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) is optimistic that the black travel advisory issued by China's Special Administrative Region (SAR) against the Philippines would soon be downgraded, if not totally lifted.

Raul Hernandez, the DFA spokesman, yesterday said the business "downturn is still the Hong Kong government on the issue, are now in my completion."

Hernandez did not disclose details of the ongoing talks, but said the DFA, along with the Department of Tourism (DOT), have been making representations with the SAR.

Earlier, he said both the DFA and DOT had not given up, stressing they would "continue with our representations and hope that positive outcome will result in the future."

Hong Kong has latched down the Philippine government's repeated appeal to lift the travel ban on Manila.

The foreign department had made representations with Hong Kong several times to have the travel ban lifted, according to Hernandez.

Despite the travel ban, a total of 112,386 Hong Kong tourists visited the country last year.

On Aug. 23, 2010, Hong Kong's Security Bureau raised to black its outbound travel alert, on DFR for the Philippines after a eight Hong Kong tourists were killed and seven others wounded in a Manila bus hijacking perpetrated by a dismissed Filipino police officer.

Napocor seeks increased subsidy; rate hike looms

By Amy R. Remo

POWER CONSUMERS may have to brace for further hikes in their electricity bills should the state-run National Power Corp. (Napocor) be authorized to collect higher yearly subsidies totaling P87 billion between now and 2016.

The amount will be used to help finance the power generation operations of Napocor's successor-identified entity, the Small Power Utilities Group (SPUG) within the so-called off-grid and remote areas in the country.

Napocor has also sought to recover P5.7 billion worth of hurdling expenditures shortfalls last year, according to a petition filed with the Energy Regulatory Commission.

If approved, both amounts (P87 billion and P5.7 billion) will be reflected under the universal charge for the missionary electrification (UCME) component of a consumer's electricity bill.

In its petition, Napocor has proposed to collect a higher UCME rate this year of 30.62 centavos per kilowatt-hour, equivalent to P12.707 billion, and P21.62 per kWh in 2013, equivalent to P13.177 billion.

Including the proposed reinvestments of P5.7 billion, the proposed UCME rate will be very higher at 28.13 centavos per kWh, and 31.12 centavos per kWh in 2013.

At present, the UCME collected from all power consumers consisted in the grid stands at 11.83 centavos per kWh.

For 2014-16, Napocor wants to collect 32.93 centavos per kWh, which is equivalent to P22.910 billion; 35.18 centavos per kWh in 2015 (P22.269 billion); and 22.36 per kWh in 2016 (P15.162 billion).

These amounts, according to Napocor, will be used to help maintain the continued operations of the power facilities being operated by IPOU and avert power outages in off-grid areas.

"It is noted that the opinion rendered to the Department of Justice and the Department of Budget of Napocor to borrow funds or enter into a loan agreement really affects Napocor's flexibility in its funding and operations," the petition stated.

According to Napocor, the UCME subsidy it got before really is not sufficient to cover the difference between the cost of operations and the revenues derived from the rates.

"Thus, the lack of funding from the UCME subsidy and from the supposedly transitory funds sourced through loans, debt-based and further delayed the development of other missionary areas and restricted considerably of operations in the existing off-grid areas," it added.

Napocor stressed that the need to limit the disparity between the UCME subsidy being granted for the year and the actual UCME subsidy required to guarantee continuous power supply and reasonable development of the off-grid areas and to support the improvement of battling commodities.

"Thus, Napocor proposes the level of subsidy within which it can efficiently and effectively operate and will further support the retrial of encouraging participation of new power producers in the off-grid areas," it further noted.

Deployment to 15 countries banned

By Philip C. Tubeza

THE GOVERNMENT will ban the deployment of overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) to 15 countries for failing to meet the safety requirements of the amended Migrant Workers and Overseas Filipinos Act, the head of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) said yesterday.

POEA chief Hans Leo Cacdac said the ban will cover: Afghanistan, Chad, Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), Eritrea, Lebanon, Mali, Macedonia, Somalia, Niger, Solomon, Somalia, Uzbekistan, and Zimbabwe.

"The deployment will be stopped (for the 15 countries) since a POEA governing board resolution takes effect 15 days after publication," Cacdac said in an interview.

Cacdac said the countries were deemed unsafe for their lack of safety and protection laws for foreign workers, particularly domestic workers, were ignored the ban.

In its resolution on June 28, the POEA board also approved the certification of 32 countries—including Syria, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain—that were earlier deemed only "partially compliant" as "compliant" countries. Congress allowed the move while DFA negotiates agreements to improve OFW safety with these countries, which already host huge Filipino overseas communities.

Coming in behind Angara was former Speaker Prospero Pichay, who filed five bills that became law, while Representatives Rozzano Rufino Biazon (Lone district, Muntinlupa City), Rufus Godez (2nd district, Paranaque City), Eduardo Ledesma (1st district, Paranaque City) and Jesse Cua Lotilla (Lone district, Quezon City) each have five bills each to share the third spot.

In the 15th Congress (2004-2007), De Venecia along with Rep. Raul del Mar (1st district, Cebu) and Rep. Jose Solis (3rd district, Albay) all topped the list after principally authoring four bills of nationwide significance.

Behind them was Rep. Jack Lapsie (2nd district, Bohol) with three bills signed into law; while Reps. Jose Christopher Belmonte (Lone district, Quezon City) and Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr. (1st district, Camarines Sur) came in third with two measures each signed into law.

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Angara, De Venecia most prolific in recent years

By Cynthia D. Balana

ALBURA Rep. Juan Edgardo Angara and former Speaker Jose de Venecia Jr. topped the list of "prolific authors/co-authorships" of the 15th-term House of Representatives by filing the most number of bills of national importance that were enacted into law in the 14th and 15th Congresses, respectively.

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Palparan hunters come up empty

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—The National Bureau of Investigation's search for Jovito Palparan has not yielded any result more than six months after the retired major general went into hiding, an NBI official in Central Luzon said on Tuesday.

"Until now, the result of the search is[,] a big negative. Give me some inside if you have," Jovem Redondo Tena, NBI regional director, told the business in a text message.

But Tena said the agency has not called off the search and assets ordered by a judge in Bulacan, where Palparan was charged with kidnapping in relation to the disappearance of University of the Philippines students Sherlyn Cadapan and Karen Empeño in 2006.

As of May, NBI agents had checked 22 areas where Palparan was reportedly sighted. "We have orders all information, including those from Justice Secretary [Leila de Lima]," Tena said.

He said he could not understand why no one was luring the P1-million bounty on Palparan.

The former general represented the party-list group Bantay in the House of Representatives. When he was in active service, he was blamed for extrajudicial killings in his term of duty, including in Central Luzon. For this, he earned the dubious distinction as "The Butcher."

Hill personnel and policemen have failed to find Palparan although Malacañang has ordered law enforcement agencies to continue the hunt. He tried to flee the country through the Clark International Airport in Pampanga in December but was stopped by immigration officers.

Two of his convicted, Lt. Col. Felipe Anderia and S/Sgt. Edgardo Osorio, are detained at Camp Bagong Diwa and undergoing trial in the Bulacan regional trial court.

Another soldier implicated in the crime, M/Sgt. Rizal Hilario, remains at large. Benito Ocejo, Inquirer Central Luzon

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Stressed? Take Pag-Ibig loan and go on vacation

By Raissa M. Dantinga

IT AIN'T WORKING? Want to encourage members to avail themselves of various programs other than housing loans, the head of the government's home development mutual fund, called Pag-Ibig, Darlene Marie B. Berberabe, has taken to describing its multipurpose loan (MPL) as an "underpowered loan."

Berberabe said members can use proceeds of their MPL to enhance savers from work by going on a vacation, by shopping on even more life-saving than weddings.

Sometimes referred to as a "personal loan," the MPL is one of two short-term loans available to Pag-Ibig members to the need arises. The other one is the calamity loan.

According to Pag-Ibig Fund guidelines, the MPL was designed "to help finance members' immediate medical, educational or livelihood needs, minor home improvement, purchase of appliance and furniture, and other related needs," including the refinancing of outstanding loan with the fund.

Berberabe's new term for the loan-starting MPL seems to have picked up some members' interest and spawning other names for the loan.

Pag-Ibig member Sean Hores, taking through facebook, wondered whether she could take out a "stress loan" even if she is still paying for an older loan. (The answer is yes, for a housing loan, provided that the arrears are not more than nine months.)

While Pag-Ibig does not seem to have other rules on what proceeds of the loan should be used for, not all members can avail of the program.

Based on the HDF guidelines, only those members who have made at least 24 monthly contributions can apply.

For those who have up to P9,999.99 monthly contributions, they are qualified to MPL of as much as 60 percent of their savings with Pag-Ibig.

For those who have made 60 to 119 monthly contributions may borrow up to 70 percent of their savings while those who have 120 or more contributions can borrow up to 80 percent.

But hold your horses, the MPL—which is payable over a period of up to 24 months—still runs you 10.75 percent per year. That's 91.27% per year for a loan of P30,000.

If the borrower fails to pay on time, he or she will also have to pay a penalty of 3.5 percent of the unpaid amount for every month of delay.

Some say the interest rate is comparable to, but others may still find it stressful, even depressing.

Camarines gov probed over illegal mining

By DJ Yap

INTERIOR Secretary Jesse M. Robredo on Tuesday ordered an investigation into allegations that the governor of Camarines Norte, Edtjardis Tallado, was condoning illegal mining activities in the iron ore and gold-rich towns of Paracale and Jose Panganiban.

The probe stemmed from complaints reaching his department, the Bureau of Corrections and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) about illegal mining in the province, which allegedly enjoyed Tallado's "blessings," he said in a statement.

"I have ordered the agents of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Office for Internal Security and the DILG Region 5 Director Eduardo Ribarda to investigate the case against Gov. Tallado as soon as possible," Robredo said.

"The complaints lodged against him by his constituents are serious enough to warrant an immediate investigation," Robredo said.

In a June 28 letter, Rio G. Nikka, president of the Paracale chapter of the Asian Chamber International Philippines, complained to Robredo, Environment Secretary Ramon Paje and Commission on Human Rights Bicam about the "flagrant violation of environmental laws" by three mining companies operating in the town.

Nikka said the operations of the Toledo Mining and Development Corp., the Philippine Iron Ferro Mining Corporation, and Lianeng Peñafrancia Group Philippine Mining Company Inc. had been inflicting environmental damage on the environment, particularly the Paracale shoreline.

The companies were issued Temporary Small-Scale Mining Permits by Tallado's office, Nikka said.

PH gets ₱440-M EU grant for LGU finance management

By Tina G. Santos

THE EUROPEAN Union (EU) is providing the Philippines a grant of 8 million euros or about P440 million to help improve public finance management in local government units.

Foreign Secretary Alfonso del Rosario and EU Ambassador Guy Ledoux on Tuesday signed the financing agreement for "Support to Local Government Reform in areas of... and accountable Public Finance Management," an EU spokesperson said.

The project, which will be implemented by the Department of Budget and Management, is expected "to enhance the capacity of local governments to generate revenues and to allocate and spend public funds more effectively and efficiently," said Ledoux.

It is composed of various components, including improved institutional capacities of oversight bodies at central level, developing police agenda and action plan, and strengthening capacity of regional offices.

The project also includes components that focus on improving transparency and accountability of LGUs as well as monitoring systems.

'Spratlys cop' role for US

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scene of its ends naturally to Manilaans under the Visiting Forces Agreement.

'Barangay tanod'

"In a bilateral situation, there should be a parity of forces, of leverage. But in our case with China, there's none. That's why I need to underscore the need for a third party, an observer," Romulo said.

"They'll be the 'barangay tanod.' They'll be the police. They will monitor everything. They monitor movement of vessels and air assets in the area with be monitored by the US," he added.

"If there's a violation of the mutual agreement, of ground rules, there would be a distance-sized party that would call the attention of both countries," and I think the EO fits this role."

In an interview with Reuters on Monday, Mr. Aquino warned the possibility he would request "overflights" in the area where the Philippines has long claimed, an issue never looked at a standoff over Scarborough Shoal sparked by the poaching of marine life by Chinese fishermen.

The United States has declined to intervene in the dispute, and China has warned against the involvement of "external forces" in the confrontation.

"But the question really is: What do we do with this information?" Mr. Aquino said, in an interview (which) told the Japanese in a phone interview. "If they would just feed us information that there's an intrusion but the Americans would do nothing, what's the point?"

Romulo said Washington could send a "carrier task group" composed of an aircraft carrier and destroyers to police the area where the Philippines had accused China of harassing its vessels.

Clarify US position

He said the US military presence would help "level" the field between the Philippines and China, which boasts of a much stronger military.

But Hussein said the Philippine government should first clarify the US position on the dispute.

"We have to ask the US. Do they believe that the Scarborough Shoal belongs to us? I think we should get a categorical answer from them," he said.

"If they say it belongs to China, it's over. Let's go home," he said. "Now if they believe that it belongs to the Philippines, help us put up structures there and deploy your troops there. Establish a naval component there as a monitoring device for your employed air and naval asset."

Hussein said the Scarborough dispute would allow the Aquino administration to "feel" whether the United States played more value on its bilateral ties with the Philippines than its friendship with China.

The Philippines should also conduct "backdoor diplomacy" with China over the possibility of a joint exploration of the disputed territory, the senator said.

"This is not a simple issue," he said.

No plan to go back

Gen. Jesse Delfino, Armed Forces chief of staff, told reporters yesterday he was awaiting orders from Malacañang on whether troops withdrawn from the Scarborough Shoal should be sent back.

Normally it's up to the government. They will decide on this matter," Delfino said.

He said the pullout of a Coast Guard vessel and a supply ship from Jolimaris research vessel from the shoal on June 15 "helped to deescalate the situation."

He failed to ascertain that China did not redeploy its armed large maritime ships from the Scarborough area, shortly after the presence of dozens of fishing vessels despite its purported fishing ban there.

When asked, Delfino said China's reported deployment of civilian-only patrol boats in the disputed Spratlys was not a cause of concern.

"But to a naval mariner sees for ships. There's no problem with civilian," he said. With a report from Bong D. Manibagan

BENHAM RISE

Philippines moves to claim, secure Benham Rise

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agency is currently assessing the area's marine resources.

Aides said scientists and fishermen from China and Taiwan had been entering the eastern seaboard of Luzon over the past years. Their ships are more advanced and well-equipped to handle the strong waves there, he said.

"Taiwan is employing it right now," he added.

In April, the agency implementing the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (Unclos) submitted the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) that Benham Rise is part of the Philippines' continental shelf and territory.

The Unclos, concluded in 1982, defines the rights and responsibilities of nations in their use of the world's oceans.

Rich in blue fin tuna

Abo Jensen in Benham Plateau, the massive formation of basalt, a common volcanic rock, has been described to study as a deep-seated portion of the Philippine archipelago's crust.

According to the DENR, the plateau is rich in mineral gas and manganese nodules. The waters of the 13-million-hectare continental shelf off the eastern seaboard province is rich in blue fin tuna, Abos said.

The BSR official explained that the Pacific blue fin usually found in the colder waters of the northern Pacific has thrived in the area east of Luzon, which are colder than the other tuna fishing grounds of Filipino fishermen.

Tuna production

Access to the rich fishing ground will be an advantage to the Aquino administration.

Tuna is one of the Philippines' top fisheries exports, but the volume declined recently after international observers were imposed in the Pacific high seas.

Total tuna exports in 2010 were valued at $329.4 million. Of the total volume, about 70 percent was in canned form (70,000 metric tons), and the rest (33,000 metric tons) was either fresh, chilled or frozen. Canned tuna exports in 2010 dropped by 8 percent compared to 2009 figures.

BSR Director Asa Perez said the re-opening of the Pacific high seas would mean an additional 150,000 MT of tuna catch for the Philippines. A limited number of Filipino commercial fishers will be allowed entry there, starting September, he said.

Scientific info

Aides said the BSR, an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture, was studying Benham Rise to determine the fish species there and the best time to conduct net to set.

It research vessel now by the agency will provide scientific information to Philippine commercial fishers so they can schedule their ships for fishing in the eastern seaboard.

According to BSR officials, the currents in earlier other fishing grounds in the Western Pacific high seas and the West Philippine Sea has seen the area is on the path of typhoons.

The BSR study is expected to be finished by mounted.

IN THE KNOW

BENHAM Rise, also known as Benham Plateau, is a 13-million-hectare undersea region east of Luzon, off the province of Isabela and Aurora. It is bounded by the West Philippine Basin to the north and east.

It is enclosed by the coordinates 13°30'E to 122°30'E and 121°30'N to 29°30'N latitude.

The plateau is a massive formation of basalt, a common volcanic rock, and is described in a study as a thick-crust portion of the Philippine sea plate's oceanic crust.

Another research notes the similarity of the shape of Benham Rise to the sharp bend of the Luzon coastline, which suggests the earliest continuance to subduction (the process by which one plate on the earth's crust is pushed downward beneath another plate because of collision) that may have affected the Philippine belt.

The formation lies within the continental shelf of the Philippines as defined by the 1982 UN convention on the Law of the Sea (Unclos).

Under the Unclos, a coastal state's exclusive economic zone extends 370 kilometers (200 nautical miles) from its continental shelf, while an extended continental shelf extends for another 370 km (200 nautical miles).

Benham Rise is not subject to any maritime boundary disputes and claims.

In April 2009, the Philippine government made a partial submission to the UN Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf in relation to the Benham Rise, asking that the Philippines may submit information on other areas of the Philippine continental shelf in the future. Lawrence de Jesus, deputy director of the Bureau of Research.

Sources: Executive Summary of the Partial Submission of Basic and Information on the outer Limits of the Continental Shelf of the Philippines; Department of Environment and Natural Resources; Geological Survey of the Philippines; Reuters; Archives

Palace: Why fly by? Just click Google Earth; no need for spy planes

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months ago, in what China refers to as the South China Sea.

"I am confident that this will not be viewed as provocation. Let us not complicate, there are other opportunities for taking photos, aerial photos. I'm sure you're aware of Google Earth," Lacierda said in response to yesterday's news briefing in Malacañang.

No military component

"Nobody thinks that if Google Earth has more Lacierda. Malacañang the same thing. So there's no military component to this. We only have—if ever, we have technological of the locale. So it's clear," he said.

Google Earth is a geographical program that gives users satellite images of the planet's terrain and structures.

"Surveillance flights aren't meant for his provocation," Lacierda said. "It's just monitoring."

It's different

Told that surveillance by sensitive China is different from provision following Google Earth, Lacierda said: "I don't believe that's an issue there."

Defending nonetheless, said that US surveillance was routine and one of the options that the President could to his interview.

"The primary responsibility of watching over the country's territorial waters with the Philippine government," he added.

"One of the questions was whether or not we have approved flyovers by US surveillance planes they called drones and whether or not we had approved flyovers to monitor our territory. The President said that that was one of the options," Lacierda said.

"Remember that we have a responsibility to monitor our territory. It make sure that there are no incursions for one reason or another. And our capabilities are rather limited. So the President also responding in the context of saying that it's one of the options being considered to enable us to enhance our ability to monitor our territory," he said.

Lacierda also said the President "underscored that there have been no decisions and that the primary responsibility belongs to the Philippine government."

No treaty needed

Asked what US deal would come in the way flights, Lacierda said: "I don't think you need a treaty or an agreement. We have consultations with the United States to help us enhance our defense and monitoring capabilities."

"But it's just that we would have similar agreements with other friendly countries. It's also if these simple flyovers—if they have prior—would not necessarily require any sort of special arrangement," he added.

What would the Philippines do if the non-flights created tension to the Chinese?

"We'll cross the bridge when we get there," Lacierda said. Ross.

Manila accused of plotting vs Beijing

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sweet years—the latest round of naval brinkmanship over the resource-rich sea.

The Philippines, China, Vietnam, Taiwan, Brunei, and Malaysia all have competing claims to the West Philippine Sea, but China's claims encompass almost all its waters.

Neutral, but...

A commentary in Beijing Daily on Tuesday said the Philippines' move was more provoking to other territorial disputes at a key regional security summit meeting later this week in Cambodia.

"On the eve of the Bali foreign ministers' meetings, the Philippines is sparing no effort to stir up the South China Sea issue through all sorts of means, and we should be on guard against its ploy," the newspaper wrote.

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) meeting will be attended by its latest region by China and the United States, who have repeatedly clashed over the West Philippine Sea. China has warned that "external forces" should not get involved.

Not the proper forum

The United States has stressed it is neutral in the long-running maritime dispute, despite offering to help boost the Philippines' meager military forces.

The People's Daily said the Asean meeting was not the proper forum to discuss the South China Sea, expressing the Chinese government's stance that talks should only happen on a bilateral basis between the countries directly involved.

The newspaper suggested that the Cambodia summit should instead focus on other issues, like an Asean nuclear weapons-free zone.

The commentary was published a day after Vietnam and "Hong Hong," meaning "Sea of China," which is often used to give the newspaper's view on foreign policy issues.

The beneficiaries of the Chinese Communist Party also said that all countries, including the Philippines, would do well to remember the economic benefits they had gained from China's economic boom.

"What the Philippines wants to do now country to the international community is to sow discord and not be refused by many other countries," the newspaper said. "China's flourishing of regional peace and stability and . . . good intentions should not be seen as weaknesses or as yielding."

Softer stance

Gu Xiaosu, a foreign ministry spokesperson, on Monday urged the Philippines and Vietnam to improve relations with China by softening their stance in territorial disputes in the West Philippine Sea. Russia refers to the waterway as the South Sea.

During a regularly scheduled news conference, Liu was especially critical of the Philippines after South President Juan Ponce Enrile on Sunday described as weak China's "historical" claim to South China Sea islands, according to the Philippine court.

Liu also urged Vietnam "to do more to help bilateral relations to continue to grow and build," after the Vietnamese government on Monday criticized the people to march toward the Chinese Embassy in Hanoi on Sunday to protest China's increasingly assertive territorial claims.

What prompted the two protest was a recent move by China's state-backed China National Offshore Oil Corp. (CNOOC) to call for tenders from foreign companies to explore for oil in the West Philippine Sea near Vietnam, a move Hanoi deemed "illegal."

Combat-ready patrols

Hanoi says the exploration area identified by CNOOC lies within Vietnam's 370 kilometer (200-nautical mile) exclusive economic zone.

State-owned PetroVietnam has encouraged foreign companies to ignore China's offer and vowed to continue working on contracts signed with American ExxonMobil, Russia's Gazprom, India's ONGC and PetroVietnam's affiliate PVEP.

Beijing has sent four maritime surveillance ships to conduct exercises in the waters that Hanoi claims is Vietnamese territory last week. China began "combat-ready" patrols in the disputed waters after saying it was "vehemently opposed" to a Vietnamese law asserting sovereignty over the Paracel and Spratly islands.

Biggest flash point

The West Philippine Sea is generally considered the military flash point in Asia, and tensions have risen since the United States adopted a policy last year to reassert influence in the region.

It risks to control over what are believed to be significant reserves of oil and gas. Estimates vary, but one such assessment call reserves in the entire sea range from 28 billion to as high as 213 billion barrels of oil, the US Energy Information Administration said in a March 2008 report.

Despite its professed neutrality over the West Philippine Sea dispute, the US military "pivot" back to Asia is widely seen as a response to China's growing military capabilities.

According to analysts, the US shift back to the region may be encouraging smaller countries such as the Philippines and Vietnam to take a bolder stance to their maritime dispute with China. Reports from Reuters and New York Times News Service

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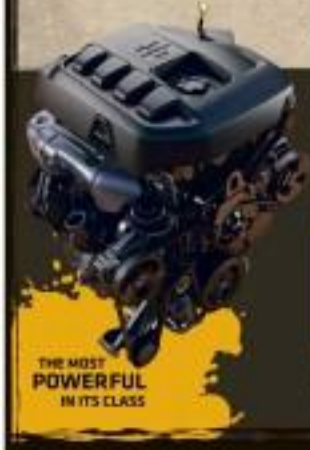

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CHEVROLET

Eating, planting vegetables secret to long life, says DOH

DARK CLOUDS OVER METROPOLIS Heavy rains on Tuesday prompted local government officials to suspend classes in some parts of Metro Manila as floods submerge low-lying streets. (See story in Metro, Page A23.) ERIC MACTZANAS

ONCE UPON A VERY WET DAY A student walks home after classes were suspended at Jesús Lobbos Elementary School in Manila on Tuesday due to heavy rains. RICARDO ALCE

By Jocelyn R. Uy

WANT to live longer? Plant vegetables.

To mark Nutrition Month this July, the Department of Health is urging all Filipino households and communities to plant vegetable gardens in their backyards and orchard spots (almost not only to curb malnutrition among children but to help the high incidence of noncommunicable diseases in the country.

The DOH cited food consumption surveys by the Food and Nutrition Research Institute (FNRI) that showed Filipinos were eating only two servings of vegetables, or about 230 grams, a day from the 300 grams daily intake recorded in 2008.

It also highlighted FNRI data that showed only 47.7 percent of Filipinos household had vegetable gardens or fruit trees in their backyards.

"The data is alarming considering that low fruit and vegetable intake is among the top 10 risk factors for global mortality based on a World Health Organization report," said the DOH.

The WHO report attributed 1.7 million deaths globally per year to low fruit and vegetable intake.

According to health experts, one serving should be equivalent to a cup of raw leafy vegetables or half a cup of raw or cooked non-leafy vegetables.

Assistant Secretary Maria Bernadita Flores, executive director of the DOH's National Nutrition Council (NNC), urged Filipinos to plant vegetables "in all possible places."

She said vegetables can grow even in urban areas using the latest technologies like container gardening or hydroponics, where plants are grown in water.

Most common NCDs

Underscoring the importance of vegetables in one's daily diet, the DOH said Filipinos, especially children, should eat more of the green leafy stuff as they contain vitamins and minerals that help combat non-communicable diseases (NCDs) such as cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

NCDs or lifestyle-related diseases are the top leading causes of death in the Philippines. These diseases are linked to four "most common but preventable" risk factors: An unhealthy diet, lack of physical activity, smoking and alcohol use.

To promote vegetable consumption among students, the DOH has partnered with the Department of Education which recently issued a memorandum urging public schools to plant vegetable gardens in celebration of Nutrition Month.

Flores said vegetables were good sources of Vitamin A and iron nutrients important in boosting a child's immune system and development.

Fathers in succulent old and absent should be served pureed, mashed or finely cut green leafy and yellow vegetables mixed with rice porridge (lugaw) to complement breast milk, she said.

Ideal daily intake

Flores said the NNC was concerned about data showing that infants 6-11 months old were fed only two grams of vegetables a day while 1 year olds were given eight grams.

Oncologists or cancer doctors have said the ideal daily intake of vegetables and fruits is at least five servings, where a serving is as big as a fist.

"We encourage everyone to consume three or more servings of vegetables each day. Let us also not use indigenous vegetables such as malunggay, ampalaya, kangkong, kamote tops and camotes," said Flores.

CNN star news anchor Anderson Cooper: I am gay

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online about the whys and hows of coming out. There were conversations at other networks about what it might mean for other national news anchors who are gay but who have not spoken publicly about their sexuality.

Mostly, though, there was chatter about how newsroom able it all was. Cooper's colleagues, after all, had been on open secret for a long time. Years ago, he confided to friends and colleagues that he dreaded being known as "the gay anchor."

Know them, openly gay anchors have made inroads in other time slots and on other networks. At a rapid pace, television news and opinion channels have reflected the growing acceptance of gays in society—and perhaps (?) have spared us what seem, at times, just as TV shows like "Ellen" and "Modern Family" have.

Need to be fully visible

Said Cooper: "The role of history writers about when people make themselves fully visible."

Cooper did so not on television, but rather in an e-mail message to the gay blogger Andrew Sullivan, who said he had e-mailed Cooper last week to ask him about the trend of relatively famous "I'm gay" announcements by public figures. Cooper responded by mentioning the trend.

By the time Sullivan published it on Monday with Cooper's permission, the announcement was out of the ordinary on account of the country's presidential campaign—sparking subsequent interview requests and online debates. CNN said the anchor would not be back on his prime-time program, "Anderson Cooper 360°," until Tuesday.

Along with "Ellen," Cooper, 45, a son of the heiress Gloria Vanderbilt, hosts a daytime talk show on local stations, "Anderson," and contributes to "60 Minutes."

Inspiration to others

The announcement on Monday makes Cooper the most prominent openly gay journalist in mainstream television.

"It's a role model to millions and may well inspire countless others," said Sheridan Gruddick, the president of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, a media advocacy group.

Some people close to Cooper had speculated over the years that he kept his sexuality a source of unease in small circles, ing some of his late. One magazine, which has identified him as gay for years, in April called him a "silver-haired heartthrob to countless middle-American housewives."

And Shuler, a columnist for TVNewsroom, said that in a private conversation with her years ago, Cooper said "he didn't want his sexuality to be connected to his profession."

But his thinking changed over time, just as has the country's attitudes toward gays and lesbians.

No shrewy announcement

"Our operating assumption," a former CNN executive said, "was that anybody who was gay knew it, and that most people didn't care." The executive, like others interviewed for this article, asked for anonymity to preserve professional relationships.

Executives at CNN, a unit of Time Warner, declined interview requests, though they are said to be supportive of his decision.

In recent months, some television industry observers thought that Cooper might speak about his sexuality to gain attention for his ease-old daytime television show, which has seen some ratings stumbles. The daytime talk format serves high-demands hosts to come forward with the personal details of their lives.

But Cooper never considered making a show about sexuality or sexual orientation his CNN newscast or his talk show, according to several colleagues.

He TV shows may have been an influence in another way, though.

No big deal

Cooper, according to his colleagues, was bothered by news accounts of bullying and other forms of discrimination against gays—accounts that he has covered extensively on his television shows.

Those reports, one of his former producers said, ideally with the fact that "it just isn't a big deal anymore," soundtracked to his decision to speak publicly about his sexuality.

Because of his stature on television, "he feels that it will make a difference," the former producer added. "He wanted to help."

Cooper wrote to his e-mail on Monday that it was the mistaken impression that he was ashamed of his sexuality, combined with having "wrestled mightily" that "has now value in standing up and living openly," that compelled him to come out.

MSNBC host Rachel Maddow, for instance, said when asked about a competing television host a year ago, "I do not think that if people gay you have a responsibility to come out." Some thought that comment in The Guardian newspaper was a reference to Cooper, but she later denied it was.

In his e-mail, Cooper said he still wanted to keep some areas of his private life. His CNN colleague Jean Lemon, who identified himself as gay last year, said he thought Cooper would be able to.

"People will stop chasing him," Lemon said. "They'll stop recording him. It'll no longer be a big deal." New York Times News Service

Supreme Court orders JBC to comment on Chavez's petition

By Marlon Ramos

THE SUPREME Court yesterday directed the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) to comment on the petition by former Solicitor General Francisco Chavez seeking to stop the search for the next Chief Justice.

In an en banc resolution, the court gave the JBC until July 13 to reply to Chavez's petition, which urged the court to issue a temporary restraining order to prohibit the council from conducting the selection process for the replacement of ousted Chief Justice Renato Corona.

The court also ordered Reds Rep. Neri Rejas Jr., Sen. Francis Escudero and the Office of the Solicitor General to submit their oral comments.

Acting Chief Justice Antonio Carpio and Associate Justices Presbitero Velasco Jr., Teresita Leonardo-de Castro, Arturo Brion, Roberto Abad and Mariano Del Castillo favored individual themselves from the deliberations because they had accepted their nomination to the Chief Justice post.

In his petition, Chavez said the JBC's practice of allowing a senator and a congressman to sit in the session in the same time was "patently unfair and biased" and an "anti-podium dispensys" from the constitutional provision on its composition.

Valid concern

Lawyer Jose Mejia, a regular JBC member who represents the academe, welcomed Chavez's move.

"It might be for the benefit of everybody to clarify that once and for all. I think it's a valid concern," Mejia said over the phone. "We, in the JBC, just follow what the existing rules are and what our practice is. Now that Chavez brought that up to the Supreme Court, maybe it will close the air with respect to that issue."

He said the JBC was set to release the long list of nominees on July 9. Individuals who want to file their opposition to the nomination of any of the aspirants may submit their letter to the JBC until July 13.

Mejia said the JBC would exclude the names of senior Justice Departed and dismissed Mayor Jesse Robredo. Chief Justice Judge Florentino Floro from the list for their failure to meet the minimum requirements set by the Constitution for members of the bench.

He said 24 of the 71 nominees had considered close to retirement to join the screening process.

DE LIMA: Vows lower stake to prove my independence.

De Lima: I would not be an administration stooge

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ke it for her and acting Chief Justice Antonio Carpio to withdraw, she said it was her "individual decision" in exercise her constitutional as top magistrate.

"I was able to prove my independence when I (handed) an independent constitutional body and I can do that again," De Lima told reporters, referring to her term as chair of the Commission on Human Rights from 2008 to 2010.

De Lima maintained that no individual's capacity to keep his or her principles "to cross the clear of the person."

She also clarified that she was not being presumptuous about her chances of becoming the country's first female Chief Justice.

Alternative

"I'm just offering myself as an alternative to the insiders (and) to the other contenders," she said. "Let's just see if the JBC would consider me as fit enough for that post and if short-listed, if the President would also think that I'm worthy of the post."

Deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte yesterday insisted there had been no change in the President's preference that De Lima remain in her current post.

"However, we wish to reiterate that there is still the screening process that all the nominees would have to undergo. And, barring any other list, we would not be inclined to comment on either of the nominees until the screening process is finished," Valte said.

Ups Archbishop Ramon Arguelles claimed that De Lima's aspiring for the post bolstered suspicions that the judiciary had lost its independence.

Inflexible yardstick

"The whole thing is in bad taste," the archbishop tapped his said, adding that General's impeachment left the judiciary vulnerable to Malacañang's machinations. "I don't think (the judiciary) will be free, whoever will be the Chief Justice."

Yesterday, Albay Rep. Edcel Lagman added his voice to those opposing the nomination of De Lima and Carpio.

"What were presented as the negative factors which count against Corona must be the same factors which must weed out potential votes nominees," Lagman said.

"The constraints of not being beholden to the appointing power, impeccable credibility and independence must constitute the same inflexible yardstick by which the President ought to measure the next Chief Justice," he added.

The buck stops here

Lagman said the President should cross out "any nominee who participated in the trial of Corona either as prosecutor, judge or witness, or one who is perceived to have covered the position of chief magistrate."

De Lima was a prosecution witness in Corona's impeachment trial, while Carpio was accused by Corona of hosting the Senate.

Lagman said the public who followed the Corona trial would be eager to know the President's choice since he rallied his allies in the House of Representatives to impeach Corona and he was vocal in lobbying for his conviction in the Senate.

"The buck stops with (Aquino) as the appointing authority," Lagman said. With reports from Norman Bordadora and Cliff C. Callangan

Dog meat trade flourishing, says watchdog

By DJ Yap

FOR MANY Filipinos, dogs are not there best friend but a favorite food.

Thus the illegal trade in dog meat continues to thrive with some 250,000 canines butchered for food each year, the criminal investigation and Detection Group (CIDG) of the Philippine National Police said Tuesday on the heels of a successful operation against dog butchers in Pangasinan.

Two dogs were given a new lease on life after they were rescued by CIDG operatives...along with the London-based animal rights group Animal Kingdom Foundation Inc.,... from a slaughterhouse in San Carlos City.

The authorities shut down the illegal "abattoir" in Barangay Bonifacio and arrested two men caught cleaning the carcasses of three dogs, the CIDG said in a statement.

Trading in dog meat has been illegal in the Philippines since 1998 under the Animal Welfare Act which states that no animals other than cattle, pigs, goats, sheep, poultry, rabbits, carabaos, horses, deer and crocodiles may be killed for food, anyone it's part of a religious ritual or when an animal is considered a danger to others or to animal population.

CAGED DOGS spared from slaughter

Violators face six months to two years in prison and a fine of at least P5,000.

The CIDG said the figure of 250,000 dogs slaughtered each year came from Linda Gobyoma Inc., a nongovernment watchdog.

On its website, Linda Gobyoma estimates the dog meat trade to be worth P334 million a year. It says the trade enjoys the "support and patronage of local officials," which makes it difficult for law enforcers to arrest those responsible.

"In Baguio City and La Trinidad, Benguet, about three are around 60 restaurants, eateries and canteens that serve dog meat. There are found all over the city, including the central business district, and are patronized by no less than local politicians, heads of government offices, police personnel and professionals," it said.

In the CIDG operation on Monday, the law enforcers arrested two dogs that were used up in a makeshift cage, said Senior Supt. Ferdinand O. Divina, CIDG Region I chief.

"The suspects, Jocsay E. Sarmiento and Jeanne C. Tegadioan, were caught red handed in the act of cleaning the butchered dogs," Divina said.

Last week, CIDG Director Samuel Pagkilinan Jr. met with Glyn Ford, a former member of the European Parliament and an executive director of consultancy firm Nulink who called for the stringent enforcement of the law protecting dogs.

Pagkilinan said he has ordered all CIDG regional heads to strictly enforce the law against the dog meat trade.

He also said consumers risked contracting rabies and other diseases when they eat dog meats.

COA: ₱12M for car repair can buy 10 new cars

By TJ Burgonio

THE OFFICE of the Vice President (OVP) spent close to P12 million over the past five years for the repair of outmoded motor vehicles, an amount the Commission on Audit (COA) thinks would have been better used to acquire properly used to buy 10 new vehicles.

The COA, in its 2011 report, said that the OVP spent P11.9 million from 2007 to 2011 for the major repairs of 18 vehicles, or an average of P2.4 million a year, in violation of the government's auditing and accounting rules.

The COA noted that the vehicles were 14 to 17 years old, or more than double their useful economic life of seven years.

The period covered the administration of former Vice President Noli de Castro up to the current term of Jejomar Binay.

Although there was a provision for repairs, it was no longer practicable for the outmoded vehicles to be subjected to further repairs because it would be very costly, in terms in the past five years," the COA said.

The cost of repairs was equivalent to the price of at least 10 brand new vehicles, it said.

The expenses were broken down into P1.2 million in 2011; P1.6 million in 2010; P2.8 million in 2009; P4 million in 2008, and P2.1 million in 2007.

According to the COA, the OVP explained that two of the old, unserviceable vehicles, worth more than P800,000 had been transferred to the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) for training.

The COA recommended that the OVP dispose of the outmoded vehicles to lessen expenses on repairs and maintenance, and the latter agreed.

"We also recommended to the management to make representations with the Office of the President and the DBM (Department of Budget and Management) for funding to purchase new vehicles necessary for mobility, security backup and efficient discharge of the vital functions of the OVP" it said.

The COA also noted that the OVP had P6.6 million in disapproved allowances as of December 2011. The disallowances were due to the overpayment of salaries, terminal leave, rate of living allowances, among others.

The OAO explained that the liabilities were incurred from 1986 to 1995—some under the Office of the Prime Minister during the Marcos regime, and some during the time of then Senior Vice President Salvador Laurel. The employees involved are no longer connected with the OVP.

However, a report by the OVP to write off the accounts was denied by the COA in December 2011. It would continue to reinforce records to determine the course of action to be taken.

The COA, however, observed that the OVP promptly remitted P4.1 million in withheld taxes to the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

Correction

In THE JUNE 22 ISSUE, a photo caption on Page B4 of the People, Forces & Products section erroneously identified Jacqui Underwood-very Asia Alert as Presidential Adviser on Climate Change (Data G. Gu-ma-o).

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THE DAILY GOSPEL

Wednesday - July 4, 2012
15th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24

Seek good and shun evil, that you may live. Then Yahweh, the God of hosts, as you have claimed, will be with you.

Hate wickedness and love virtue, and let justice prevail in the courts; perhaps Yahweh, the God of hosts, will take pity on the remnant of Joseph.

I hate, I reject your feasts, I take no pleasure when you assemble to offer me your burnt offerings. Your cereal offerings, I will not accept. Your offerings of fattened beasts, I will not look upon!

Away with the noise of your chanting. I will not listen to music on harps. But let justice roll on like water, and righteousness like an ever-flowing river.

Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34

When Jesus reached Gadara on the other side, he was met by two demoniacs who came out from the tombs. They were so fierce that no one dared to pass that way. Suddenly they shouted, "What do you want with us, you, Son of God? Have you come to torture us before the time?"

At some distance away there was a large herd of pigs feeding. So the demons begged him, "If you drive us out, send us into that herd of pigs." Jesus ordered them, "Go." So they left and went into the pigs. The whole herd rushed down the cliff into the lake and drowned.

The men in charge of them ran off to the town, where they told the whole story, also what had happened to the men possessed with the demons. Then the whole town came out to meet Jesus; and when they saw him, they begged him to leave their area.

Reflection:

By the end of the story Jesus had rearranged everything. The demons have gone into the pigs, which then drown, and the townsfolk—shocked at a great loss of money—ask them to go, not the abode of Leviathan, the monster of the deep—as it was appropriate that the pigs should end up there. Besides it also was fitted to demons as it was right that they should end up there. Then Jesus encounters everything in his proper place, and so establishes right order. But the other order could be said to be "right" too in a sense. The local people were happy with it. They begged Jesus to go away. He had upset the arrangements of the world. This makes us think: What are the arrangements in my life that seem "right" to me? (at least to the sense of being familiar), but which are not right at all?

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OPINION

Two years on

EDITORIAL

TWO YEARS into the presidency of Benigno Aquino III, is the Philippines better off?

Florid rhetoric is, of course, par for the course, even expected, when it comes to standard government chatter, and so deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte went again skated close to eye-crossing hyperbole when she said, in a statement released on the eve of the second anniversary of Mr. Aquino's assumption into office, that "No longer is the Filipino mired in paralysis and despair; he has seen the seemingly difficult tasks achieved, and is one with the government in creating a society that is truly just, prosperous and equitably progressive."

People can't be blamed if they laugh at Valte's extravagant claims. To declare that the Filipino is "no longer ... mired in paralysis and despair" is to invite accusations of delusion and blindness. More dangerously, spin like it carries the risk of the public eventually losing confidence in this government's ability to size up the country's huge and stubborn problems with clarity and honesty and, more importantly, to tackle them with enough brass-tacks conviction to bring about actual, long-term changes to the system.

Good thing that, official palaver aside, Malacañang's appraisal of the last two years also carried, lest we in the statement, a candid corrective—that "while much has been achieved, much still needs to be done."

Indeed, Mr. Aquino's administration has, in the last few months, basked in a succession of positive news and assessments, mostly from foreign observers, that his efforts to combat corruption in government, install processes that promote greater transparency and accountability in official transactions and set a much higher bar for public governance have resulted in a renewed sense of optimism for the country's prospects.

Naysayers have made much of Mr. Aquino's drive to remove Chief Justice Renato Corona from the Supreme Court and prosecute former president Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo for her alleged misdeeds in office as, at the very least, politically distressing and economically harmful. But much of the public, not to mention the international community, appears to have largely seen the effort as a necessary part of the government's commitment to breaking off with a much-compromised past and ridding itself of the poisons in political systems it has inherited.

"The Philippines looks poised to resume a period of strong growth ... Just-August looks likely to generate just enough reform momentum to get the job done," said economist analyst Ruchir Sharma in his just-released book "Breakout Nations: In Pursuit of the Next Economic Miracles," The Wall Street Journal pegged to rosy assessment on the country's macroeconomic fundamentals under Aquino: "The Philippines is better prepared than in the past to withstand a downturn with a stronger government balance sheet and a robust domestic economy. Foreign reserves are high enough to fight capital flight."

But against these encouraging signs are the ever-grim realities. Poverty and deprivation continue to afflict a majority of Filipinos, and much of the interventional economic improvements experts and observers have lauded have yet to make any discernible impact on their lives. The Aquino administration's record on human rights remains close to dismal, with no successful prosecutions so far against violators. Jovito Palparan, Ruben Ecleo and Joel Reyes—to mention just three high-profile indictees—are all still at large, their political clout no doubt playing a twisted part in their successful flouting of the law. And the Aquino gain massive rose-tetted water and more to life support, as many witnesses have disappeared, or bribed the government's ineffective Witness Protection Program, only to turn up dead.

Mr. Aquino did well by personally issuing flowers recently that his government will work on the full implementation of the agrarian reform program by the end of his term. But until that ambitious promise is not only fulfilled, but also felt at ge level—along with the other reforms and initiatives the government has trumpeted—the public will remain skeptical of official claims of progress.

The Philippines has been down this road before, but the encouragings didn't last. Mr. Aquino must use every day of his remaining four years to ensure that, this time, it does.

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Transfer suffering zoo elephant to sanctuary

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

THERE IS now a raging controversy between animal welfare groups and the veterinarians of the Manila Zoo over the fate of Mali, the lone zoo elephant. The animal welfare groups want the elephant to stay where she is now in Pasig. Said location is too enclosed to exercise and Mali cannot roam as elephants do in the wild, which makes her bored and makes her suffer and may shorten her life. What's more, Mali is severely overweight because the lucha eats one elephant a day of the leading causes of death in captive elephants.

The other leading causes are foot infections and arthritis and right now Mali has infections in her feet that are being properly treated by the zoo veterinarians who have submitted that they are still vigilant experts and lack the housing in elephant care and the resources to be able to provide what Malisonds.

The animal welfare group, Peta, has offered to pay the expenses for the care and transportation of Mali to the Thai sanctuary.

The Manila Zoo administration, on the other hand, claims that Mali is just fine here, is well taken care of (but which she is not) and is loved by zoo visitors. Indeed, Mali is the most popular animal in the zoo and the visitors, especially children, may really love her. But just saying her is not the way to bring this to closure for her properly. In order for her to be happy she has to be able to roam the forests as elephants do in the wild. In the sanctuary, Mali would be able to do that with other elephants and elephant experts would take care of her.

Some people ask if an Gumbo Mali, once I children see her on educational opportunity to view an elephant?

The animal welfare groups reply:

"It is only a very small portion of the children in the Philippines—those in Metro Manila—who have the opportunity to view Mali. We need to consider what we're teaching our children if we don't take this opportunity to transfer Mali when we can. If we have the opportunity to give Mali a better life, we should.

Children learn little by watching a depressed elephant Mali pace in her enclosure. They would learn to appreciate elephants more by attending documentary programs, doing Internet research and reading books. When Mali leaves, it will be a massive event and everyone in the country will know that she is leaving. People will learn a valuable lesson by witnessing the compassionate act of transferring Mali to a sanctuary.

Why is transferring Mali important?

Answer: "Even though Mali has lived in captivity for 35 years, she is still a wild animal at heart. She has instincts and this desire to exhibit behaviors that come natural to her. A sanctuary can offer her more to roam, ground to habitat to, fresh vegetation to eat, foraging opportunities and, most importantly, the company of many other elephants. Life is more than just smile and food.

"A growing number of progressive zoos—including several in the United States and the United Kingdom—have realized that their current possibly fulfill the complex needs of elephants and have closed their elephant exhibits. The government of India has endorsed that elephants in zoos be transferred to appropriate sanctuaries and reserves."

Can't changes be made at the zoo to make Mali happy there?

"The zoo has no elephant expert, and they have proven their lack of elephant knowledge by failing to provide wet mats to Mali. She has been poorly designed pools (one of which we've never seen water in) and no soft ground for her feet. The most basic enclosure for elephants starts at about $10 million with many over $5.00 million. The zoo, despite their best efforts, does not have the resources or knowledge to cure for Mali, and cannot add another elephant."

Wow! Mali live longer in the zoo?

"A study published in the Journal of Science once that captive elephants are often short (Mali is overweight). This, coupled with stress and common foot problems, is the reason that many captive elephants die decades earlier than their wild counterparts. During the study researchers looked at wild elephants in Kenya's Amboseli National Park, working elephants in Burmese logging camps and elephants in zoos in Europe. The study found that, on average, African elephants lived just half as long in captivity as they do in the wild, and life is more than just existing. In a small pen, Mali can truly be happy. She will finally get the opportunity to live with other elephants again."

Do we know how she will be socialized with other elephants?

Ya lit. Mel Rebuelton said, In my experience, even elephants who have been alone for more than 20 years integrate well with other elephants when moved to a sanctuary. Here is just one example: Tina, a 31-year-old elephant, spent much of her life alone at the Circuity Vie. center Zoo in Canada after she was sold there at the age of two. In 2003, after a 15-day cross trip to the Elephant Sanctuary in Tennessee, USA, Tina arrived at her forever home. Although Tina, as would all elephants, took some time to adjust to her new surroundings, she made many friends at the sanctuary and was successfully integrated into the herd. Her best friend at the sanctuary was Tara, and the two were almost inseparable."

Happily President Aquino has ordered the Department of Environment and Natural and the Bureau of Animal Industry are still trying to make the President change his mind. If you care for Mali, write to the President in support of Mali's transfer and relocation.

Search for justice

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

FRANK CHAVEZ had a most interesting exercise as Antonio Carpio's bid to become chief justice. Chavez had earlier vowed to introduce *much needed reforms* into the judiciary if he should become so.

"You have the votes," says Chavez. "Go pio line not constituted to the realization of the reforms he is proposing now. Eleven votes wanted. One does not have to be Chief Justice to preside the necessary surgery within the judicial system. End leaders of the Supreme Court is 14 dismissal were fired yesterday, there would be no problem.

"I would rather that the next Chief Justice come from outside. It would heed the wounds of the institution. It would also be a headline to the infighting within the court."

I agree.

That enough, you don't have to be the chief justice to stand for reforms, or create enough impact for them to be carried out in your time. The most dramatic case of it being Marcos' time when it wasn't the chief justice that embodied reforms—he controlled lackeys now—it was the dissenters. Chief of them Claudio Teehankee, who often dissented by his lonesome. Though Cecilia Muñoz Palma and Ricardo Abad Santos were not far behind.

Indeed, you don't even have to be a justice to stand for reforms, or stop the march of injustice and oppression, which is pretty much the only subject of any significance in our justice system. The human rights lawyers were so. They were the legal Order Schindlers of their time, the people who gave refuge and succor to wanted men's enemies, not least of them the political prisoners. They created and defended the space, set aside Plaza Miranda, that Lenin and tyranny could not invade.

After them Mississippi Attorney and Benito Gozon in particular, the reforms you need to carry out are not administrative, they are substantive. The reforms you need to carry out are not structural, they are structural. In fact, the only reforms you need to carry out is restoring the public's trust in the courts and faith in the justice system. Put more negatively and accurately, the only reform you need to carry out is to persuade the public to believe the justices are not for sale and there's the shadow of a chance the justice might actually get justice in a court of, well, law.

Quite interestingly, while we've been busy looking for a chief justice, something has happened across the globe that shows what a hunger for people to have a reasonable trust in their courts, or at least for people not to see their impartial justices as thoughts. Last week, in an astonishing reversal of fortune, US Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts cast the deciding vote to uphold Barack Obama's healthcare reform—his controversial lucky move—it was the decision. Chief of State Claudio Teehankee, who often dissented by his lonesome. Though Cecilia Muñoz Palma and Ricardo Abad Santos were not far behind.

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Leadership change

ANALYSIS

Armando Doronila

THE SUPREME COURT undergoes a profound leadership change as it closes the way for the appointment of a new chief justice, following the historic removal of Renato Corona by impeachment after he was convicted of betrayal of public trust for dishonesty in his statements of assets, liabilities and net worth.

For the first time in the history of post-war Philippine democracy, the Supreme Court's chief justice was ranked in order not for reforms in the judiciary, the most-desired chief branch of the country's political system, or dispositions made on the cases of the judiciary's many judicial branches, the executive and legislative departments.

The impeachment of Corona has left the tripartite system of distribution of power in such a serious state of imbalance that how the judiciary would regain its independence relative to the political departments has become the overpowering concern of the judiciary's members, and that concern is focused on the quality of the next chief justice.

The succession highlights the issue of how the court would overcome the diminution in the executive branch, who succeeded not only in eliminating the chief justice but went on to undermine the court as the ultimate arbiter of disputes between the branches of government. Both for the diminution of the chief justice was fought over public opinion, not as much over the rules of evidence adopted by the Senate impeachment trial, in the courtrack in either acquitting or convicting Corona. And in the end the President won that battle for public opinion, and the impeachment court appointed by him voted decisively to convict instead by public opinion—this means on which the defeated prosecution fought the case against a savagely demonized and politicized chief justice, whose court was branded by the ruling power coalition as having the administration elect appointed the chief justice, and for ruling for the distribution of land titles of Hacienda Luisita, the feudal estate owned by the Aquino-Cojuangco clan, and the economic and social base of the feudal oligarchy to their Hacienda Luisita.

The nominations to the post-Corona court reached a record high of 100 and 15 have accepted nominations to chief justice, submitted to the Judicial and Bar Council, which is trimming it to a short list for submission to the President. Such is the turnstile for the post of chief justice. Never has it been so coveted. This idea that a justice has become as politicized after the overthrow of Corona that efforts were made to convert it into a public show by the very impeachment trial of Corona was confirmed. Questions were asked in what way did public transparency of the selection process contribute to making a decision on predicting an independent court, which seems to be the most effective degradation of the court, during the Macapagal-Arroyo presidency?

Only three of the Court's justices are Aquino appointees: Lourdes Sereno, Bienvenido L. Reyes, and Estela M. Perlas-Bernabe. Most of the justices are Macapagal-Arroyo appointees, holdovers from the court she packed, but it was this court that produced the unanimous decision on the redistribution of Hacienda Luisita, not in all-but legacy of judicial social justice reform.

Following the model of Corona, Malacañang's senior executive Justice Antonio Eugenio has been serving as acting Chief Justice since May 29, when Corona was dismissed by the Senate. As the most senior Supreme Court justice, Carpio was automatically nominated together with the next four most senior justices: Presbitero Velasco Jr., Teresita Leonardo-de Castro, Arturo Brion and Bienvido Reyes. Of the five, only Brion and Carpio have accepted their nominations.

But Carpio, who was appointed by Arroyo on Oct. 29, 2009, signaled his intention to serve as an independent chief justice. He told the press: "You have to look at the record of a candidate. All of us are appointed by the President. But it does not mean that we become appointed by the President and we tend to him. They should be loyal to the Constitution."

Among those nominated outside the senior members of the court, an outsider, Justice Secretary Leila de Lima, put herself forward as a strong and acceptable alternative to the outdoor in the Supreme Court. Her expressed confidence that she could provide the leadership the judiciary needed should President Aquino appoint her as successor to Corona.

But House Majority Leader Neptali Gonzales II issued a reminder that De Lima had been a prosecutor and witness in Corona's trial, suggesting that she might serve as the administration's attack dog in the Court.

De Lima told reporters she might not be welcome in the Supreme Court after she defied its decision against the travel ban she had imposed against former President Gloria Arroyo. She said she was reluctant to accept her nomination, but decided to go try it after speaking with the President. Despite her aggressive prosecutorial stance in the justice department, De Lima pledged to keep the Supreme Court independent amid criticism that she will be beholden to Aquino and the power of government to oust Corona, the high court had become subservient to the government.

Healthy choices

I NOTICED how many Filipinos overcame odious acts celebrated Independence Day on July 4. Even cooking some Tummy-washer's sought cold exercises that date to 1946 when the United States granted us independence, which can't even yet. A more accurate way of marking that date is to say we regained our independence on that day, merely half a century after we declared independence and set up the first republican government in Asia, on June 12, 1898.

PINOY KASI

Michael L. Tan

Having said all that, I normally feel strongly that we should give more attention to July 4, not as a holiday but to the American Declaration of Independence in 1776, and also as Filipino-American Friendship Day. I am one of my friends battling with the word friendship but even if your feelings are not too cordial toward anyone, it's important not to let outside influences affect your relationships—as a nation and even as an idea—because it will help us to understand ourselves as Filipinos. Like it or not, we are in a large extent shaped by our interactions with the United States, for we're colonized people and today, depending on your political stance, are a neo-colonized people. Or maybe we're just "users" of people.

In particular, I'm thinking of the radical importance that our America in terms of transforming the ideas of the Enlightenment and liberalism in Europe—individual rights in particular—into a national ideology unlike land in the constitution. More than two centuries of this experiment has transmitted into a rugged individualism that affects all spheres of life, but could sometimes be a good thing.

At least I have unwavering calling in the more than 200-year-old experiment, the American constitution having been amended several times to better define certain rights. Turn, too, there have been countless challenges brought to court to interpret these individual rights. The last few months have seen several important battles around the interpretation of those rights in relation to health care.

Most those was 28 President Barack Obama's decision in February requiring birth based (i.e., religious) employers to include contraceptive services for their employees. The strongest opposition has come from Catholic institutions, who argue that the decision is a violation of religious freedom. The ruling is similar to the one here in the Philippines against the proposed Reproductive Health bill.

The second case involved an attempt to overturn the ill-fortunate Care Act passed by Congress in 2010. The law hopes to provide universal health care coverage for all Americans. As required under the law, the penalty for those who refuse to buy health insurance must purchase health insurance or pay a fine. Each state has to establish an "exchange," streaming already health insurance companies and their plans. The 26 states that filed their opposition to the law argued that this was a violation of the constitutional right to choose and not to purchase a product. On June 28, 2012, the Supreme Court ruled that the fine was actually a tax and therefore constitutional.

Libertarians

It's interesting how in both these cases, the argument used by opponents is that individuals have the right to choose. There is also a libertarian streak in both these groups, who resist any little government intervention as possible in people's personal lives. Whenever government so-called "nanny state" initiatives, the libertarians protest and talk about the "master state" or "Big Brother".

Perhaps the libertarians have often found common cause with conservatives. Catholics opposed to family planning and abortion services provided by government. In relation to the Obama administration, we find the strangest bedfellows of Republicans ruling on with those libertarians and conservative religious groups.

Socialism?

Health care has become an issue for many of them for this because The US government does not have the challenge now of having to solve numerous problems that come from having much of health care to the private sector, amongst the developed countries, only the United States does not have universal health coverage through a national government health service. The universal system such a national health service is also a major issue in the UK, Canada, Australia, and in other countries in the more regular countries including Japan, the United Kingdom, Germany, France.

The absence of universal health coverage has resulted in extreme health bills with people literally dying if not a lack of access to health services. Health insurance and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) are also a big problem. The most vulnerable people—those with so-called "pre-existing conditions" for example, or the elderly—from purchasing health insurance. This would be unthinkable under a national health service, where everyone is covered on the principle of solidarity (wealthy paying others subsidizing care for the poor, the healthy for the sick).

We Filipinos will have to deal with similar problems, with a health care system patterned after the United States (with some of a very dominant private sector which focuses on government involvement in health care, or in regulating businesses, for many good laws and policies to protect health, safety, and environment, for instance, are not enforced or are blocked by powerful businesses.

We have PhilHealth, which could be the foundation for universal health coverage but is still limited because many people—employees, the self-employed—are unwilling to shoulder the premiums, a paltry P600 a month. Private health companies have also been dominant in private hospitals even more expensive, and have many of the restrictions (i.e., pre-existing conditions) that are now banned in the US Affordable Care Act.

Many debates will continue in the US on the extent of government intervention around health care. For example, should there be a public option, or should there be limits on profits and other aspects that add to rotten-into-excess? Insurance and other costs. "Large" is defined as anything more than 50 fluid ounces (473 ml or about half a liter). The ban would include soft drinks as well as various beverages including energy drinks and pre-sweetened tea. The ban, the first of its kind in the United States, is expected to face legal challenges of theory. Opposition to the proposal has become from the manufacturers of these drinks and a group called New Yorkers for Beverage Choice.

Research though with the rhetoric of choice. And so those companies have funded so-called grassroots groups opposed to government intervention, supposedly because those violate their freedom of choice. Were Yorkers for Beverage Choice is funded by the soft drink industry. Interestingly enough, both in the United States and the Philippines, "choice" being used by the very people who oppose healthy choices.

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Battle for Camp John Hay

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

LEGALITY in the battle of the full page ads, with a rash that starts of press releases. A few weeks ago, the people—or better yet the advertising department of the major newspapers—were invited to scenes of in-Asa on full-page advertisements asking the "rules" of two parties in connection over rights to Camp John Hay in Baguio.

Asking one is the one for public opinion is on this matter of legal basis, beginning with the filing of a libel complaint against the BCDA board of directors. The complaint stems from a public bidding conducted last April announcing that CAMHOMES was being named from the premises of Camp John Hay for failure to pay the required rent for all of 10 years. The corporation stated, alleging that the board is announcing to move against it, had intended its reputation within the business community and the general public.

In reply BCDA maintained that the complaint was "malicious and baseless," adding that the suit was just a "smokescreen" to cover up the rent issue. CAMHOMES's failure and refusal to pay money to the government for their use of Camp Johnny's.

Indeed, the accumulated rentals due have reached a total of P5 billion, an incredible amount. Had ordinary Juans and Juanas like you and me would not be able to get away with it. We would be thrown out from our houses and public assets seized, and our names published as well on the news' row and still have to repay pay! In that country, it seems you have to own the government big time to earn the right to contest its decisions and even take out full-page ads advertising it.

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THE latest encounter in that long drawn-out battle is a petition filed by lawyer Rommel Fabelo calling for the ouster of BCDA president and CEO Arnel Casanova. Fabelo sent the letter to both the Office of the President and the Office of the Solicitor General, claiming that Casanova's assumption of the position was irregular since, he said, the position of chairman and president should be held by only one man, in this instance SCDA Chair Antonio "Tony" Periquito.

When I had dinner out with both Casanova and BCDA board member Abel Almeda, they were convinced that the letter was very probably a prank "in drag Makabulang into the dispute," in which case, asserted Casanova, who was personally recommended by P-Noy to look after government interests in Camp John Hay and with it prospective subsidiaries of BCDA, "they are working under a misconception because the President is well aware of the issues in Camp John Hay."

In fact, asserts Almeda, the BCDA board seems to be precisely composed of individuals who are guidelines Dinitri, the better to protect them from pressure in dealing with the politically influential.

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ONE issue connected to CAMHOMES should be to collect in the public, especially to the hard-working ready to pay the close employees, beginning by the chairs of the College Secretary Alex Padilla would guarantee tuition payments for the college education of their children, invested hard-earned money in three education plans, only to be left "holding the bag" when CAP declared insolvency and refused to pay for the college tuition of the unfortunate students.

It seems succeeding to those parents—and yes, I am one of those—that Robert John "Bob" Benipayo should still be able to hold his head up high, never mind flunking his score of powers, never bodies, after shattering their dreams of worry-free education for their children.

Benipayo is believed to have used the last loan that CAP raised to cover its such contracts in the Lake MRT-3 project, the troublesome golf course, and CAMHOMES. Benipayo, says a source, was known to have a wonder boy of business" during the Ramos administration, granted concessional loans and lot off the land where CAP is known began using for their children's future.

In fact, during the Ramos years and in the subsequent Estrada one, and even administration, Benipayo was still able to juggle most of the legal obligations. In one instance, I was told, when the BCDA board the pressured to foreclose on CAMHOMES, they received a phone call from the previous occupant of Malacañang and told to go easy on Benipayo's real properties.

And that was how CAMHOMES was accumulated on contracting P3 billion debt to government. That's P3 billion pesos for interest to taxpayers.

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MAYA's rent in 07/2006 to 6 has been in patently all these years.

Pilipinas Shell has awarded the 25-year lease to Camp Johnny, the company built a hotel-condominium called "The Manor," another structure known as "Camp John Hay Suites" as well as individual "log cabin cottages" and other leased or sold units to individuals. Even as it was still under the Ramos administration, the property attracted no honor its concessionaires, drawing several debates on the part of government. In late 2008, it refused outright to make any payments. There's requested to defer payments for a lease incurred in 1997 and 1998, followed by requests for deferment in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. And this year, CAMHOMES unilaterally rescinded the contract with BCDA, then sued for a TRO with a Baguio court to prevent a government takeover of its facilities.

Last April, Judge Mona Lisa Tabosa cobbled out her TRO from the owner because of her husband's alleged "close financial ties" to the Benipayos. Tabosa's husband is a Baguio City councilor. The petition appears to be fielding.

Remembering Doreen

LOOKING BACK

Andreo B. Guerrero

DOREEN G. Kennedy passed away decade ago in New York, on a day you could be doused with snow in late June, on a day that celebrates the founding of Spanish Manila. Six years have passed and she is still remembered by those who knew her, as well as those who did not but continue to be moved by her work to uplift Philippine food as a way of knowing what it is to be Filipino.

I remember the bitter soul who, in the midst of mourning for someone who meant thoughtful and positive restaurant review for the business, asked why Doreen never wrote negative reviews. "Boss me, other critics do," she said, and I was convinced that we should be worried about. To make matters worse, that person insinuated that Doreen was on the take, that she did PR work for the restaurants she recommended. Power always paid for his meals, and always took along one or two friends in this with her if only to make sure that the food was truly good or bad.

Once she asked if I would consider being a guest critic in this column space. I readily accepted and started to compose my lament, remembering aloud food and service to a handful of restaurants—as I did that night at Doreen's table—that I thought she would

Dynasties derail nation from true democracy

LETTERS

OUR COUNTRY has three main problems: corruption, overpopulation and the ascendancy of oligarchies. Much has been said about corruption and overpopulation, but oligarchies are seldom discussed in depth. The American heritage Illustrated Encyclopedic Dictionary defines oligarchy as government by a few, especially by a small faction of persons or families; or a state governed by oligarchy.

Oligarchies have taken root in our national and local governments. Positions, such as senator, congressional representative, governor, vice governor, provincial and city board members, mayor, vice mayor and some like, are occupied by relatives such as the fathers, mothers, husband, wife, son, daughter, brother, sister, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law and/or cousin to the n-th degree.

Simply political dynasties have taken root and they rule. This development has made it difficult for bright and qualified men and women to run for public office because the entrenched family political dynasties control the political parties.

Anticipating the growing power and influence of political dynasties, the framers of the 1987 Constitution incorporated the following provision: "The State shall guarantee equal access to opportunities for public service and prohibit political dynasties as may be defined by law" (Section 26, Article II, Declaration of Principles and State Policies).

It can be inferred from the foregoing clause in order to guarantee equal opportunities for all citizens to run for public office, political dynasties shall be prohibited. The phrase "as defined by law" means that Congress, the Filipinos' sole national law-making body is mandated and empowered to enact the law that will eliminate political dynasties from Philippine politics. A tall order, indeed! The issue is what is the appropriate law to prohibit political dynasties that are spreading their tentacles to other instrumentalities of the national and local governments.

The issue of political dynasties should be a very serious concern for our country. We have witnessed the negative consequences of Communist and fascist American governments controlled by oligarchies, dictatorships and Marcos regimes. We should learn from their experiences and get rid of a political practice that leads us away from the path of true democracy. Oligarchy is unhealthy for our country.

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DOLPHY, with partner Zsa Zsa Padilla, right after receiving the Grand Collar rank of the Order of the Golden Heart from President Aquino on May 8, 2010

Political leaders can learn much from Dolphy

At 73 (it seems somehow so just for the immediate past tense of the beloved comedy king Dolphy, his prospect must against running for public office can serve as a good lesson to those who are now contemplating and planning to run for elective public office in the upcoming 2013 elections.

If one would recall, there have been several instances that Dolphy has been urged to follow in the footsteps of other actors and actresses who have shed their hand as politics. Surely, if Dolphy decides to run for senator or even a higher post, I am sure that he would have a very big chance of winning, given the wide support that he enjoys among our people.

Yet, he has always said in so many words that the problem isn't really whether or not he will win but what he will do after he wins and assumes a given elective position. This is a good lesson in humility that many of our political leaders should learn, for even today, we have many local and national officials who have been in the elective positions even thinking whether or not they have the necessary skills and competencies to perform well in these positions given.

And to say, many of them succeed do everything to win for no reason other than satisfying their lust for fame and power and advancing their own personal interests. It is refreshing to see that in Dolphy we see a man who knows and accepts his limitations and knows fully well where he can really excel at and where he can best serve the country.

I hope that we will have more leaders like Dolphy who will discern and reflect him on short intentions, and whether they have the necessary skills for the position that they aspire after, before they decide on the data constituents of candidacies.

Let us remember that it is not only through government that we can be of service to our country and to fellow Filipinos. The life and long time that Dolphy shared with all of us is a concrete example of sharing one's life and talents with others.

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Does Dolphy really deserve award?

MAY I express, about his folks and Dolphy fans? Don't we so going to this a blatant in making the "National" of the" trophy for Dolphy. We all like that, we deserves a fair share of recognition not only as a comedian from his days as a young father to his 18 children. In a like manner as the man with a "golden heart" by those who had awarded/credit him in movies and TV shows. A leading lady, a comedian, a drama actor/actress or even a host always have strong goal to say about him. The man respected everybody—with no discretion. I believe everybody in the industry as his equal, and respect us in the same manner. Even in the real world, the being too good, nice and generous, aside from robbing the funny bones of many he awaken through his movies and TV shows, they are be enough qualifications after all.

To be a national artist title demands more than what the candidates has achieved. Excellence in the craft is of course an essential element, but it isn't enough. Nor is it enough that a national artist must be a role model, someone to be revered and emulated? Or some kind of a "hero, icon," or a "paragon"? Let's change some gender components to the movie title and present this Dolphy is a woman who had avoided the same height of success and fame as the real Dolphy, the man. The woman Dolphy has 18 children fathered by different men, out of wedlock. Will this scenario alter the whole argument and elicit a different reaction?

If morality is the ultimate yardstick in the selection of a national artist, and among one's wild moments in hitting 18 kids with different mothers/fathers outside marriage is verboten, then the heavyle body must be right after all. The judge must become a philanthropist. Common sense, anyone?

We do not say that Dolphy is an immoral person, but we could not say neither that he is moral... in the respect.

The small of doubt oftentimes pesters the empire, a unanimous respect that is, but let not the virtue of righteousness be cast against the shadows, just to give way to the mundane longings of idolatry and friendship. There are rules that command for compliance and respect, and these rules try that things be set in their proper appropriate places.

When do you think, folks?

—RAOUL RAMOS,
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Across the NATION

Ship in shoal standoff joins war games

GENERAL SANTOS CITY —A Philippine ship involved in the standoff over the disputed Scarborough Shoal is joining the nine-day naval exercises between the Philippines and United States in several Mindanao areas.

The pullout of BRP Pampanga, however, is not related to the dispute, according to Gen. Jaime Philip Garcia, head of the Naval Forces Eastern Mindanao Command.

Garcia said the participation of BRP Pampanga in the naval exercises was a coincidence and not meant to fuel tension with China.

"It's not being done because of the Scarborough incident," said the commander.

In a statement issued yesterday by the US Embassy, Ambassador Harry Thomas announced the government's position of neutrality on the territorial dispute between the Philippines and China.

"We call for a collaborative process, demonstration, as well as a peaceful resolution. My objective this will be resolved soon," the statement quoted Thomas as saying.

Marlaghar Iqbal, chief negotiator for the Moro Islamic Liberation Front which claimed it had shot down a US drone at the height of the conflict in Maguindanao three years ago, said guerrillas were not opposed to the war games.

Normally, that's determined in the Philippine government. As long as it will not pose a threat and problem to the people, we will not object to it," he told the Inquirer by phone.

The exercises involve 4,500 members of the Philippine Navy and Philippine Marines, and 3,500 staff members of the US Navy and Coast Guard.

It also includes a humanitarian mission that will bring medical and dental services to Bataan and Cebu in forthcoming provinces.

The USS Harry is expected to reach Hilongos, Leyte, and the various tactics that would require night combat.

Officials, however, said American soldiers taking part in the exercises, dubbed Cara 2012, will not be allowed to go ashore but will land exercises.

"This is just routine. I think that may affect the conduct of this kind of exercise. But the primary reason is security," Philippine Navy Capt. Robert Empedrad, the exercise director, said in a press briefing yesterday. Joel Joy Medalla and Aquilino Z. Jimenez, Inquirer Mindanao

RIGHTNESS OF nature on join the inaugural mangrove-planting campaign of the Quezon provincial government in Mauban, one also shares the campaign to restore mangrove forests in the province's more than 1,000-km coastline. ALVIN KASIBANG/INQUIRER SOUTHERN LUZON

Mangrove-planting campaign declared success

By Dello T. Maliaro Jr.
Inquirer Southern Luzon

LUCENA CITY—Quezon officials on Monday declared a mangrove reforestation campaign of the provincial government a success.

Gov. David Suarez said the campaign, dubbed Quezon's 2 in 3, proved critics wrong.

Officials have targeted 107 villages in planting sites, but the actual number reached 189 on June 30, the day at least 50,000 volunteers waded to mud to plant mangrove trees in different sites along the province's 1,000-kilometer coastline.

Reports from 112 villages, or 60 percent of the total planting area, said at least 1.9 million mangrove propagules have been planted.

"Most planting sites surpassed their target numbers," said Manny Calvino, concluding coordinator of the environment and natural resources office of Quezon.

The next task, said the governor, is to sustain the propagules.

Barangay officials of villages where the propagules were planted pledged to take care of the mangroves.

The provincial government is offering cash incentives to villages with the most growing mangroves, said Suarez.

Volunteers at the campaign filled their Facebook pages with pictures and comments on their participation.

The governor said he had talked with government employees who promised to return to the planting sites to check on the propagules.

Mangroves are key flood-prevention natural resources. Suarez said one of the ardent supporters of the Quezon 2 in 3 campaign was to raise the awareness of residents of the province on the need to protect the environment.

Pangasinan mayors ban imported meat selling

LINGAYEN, Pangasinan—Mayors in Pangasinan have banned the sale of imported frozen meat in public markets in their towns and cities to support the appeal of local hog raisers for the government to stop the smuggling of pork and chicken.

Members of the League of Municipalities of the Philippines in Pangasinan passed a resolution on the ban to save local backyard hog raisers and safeguard public health. The resolution was approved by 26 mayors and representatives of 15 other towns during the LMP Pangasinan regular meeting last week.

Umingan Mayor Edred Sambrano, who sponsored the resolution, said the mayors recognized the need to support the campaign against the proliferation of imported pork in public markets.

Sambrano said the loss of livelihood and employment in backyard piggeries can be reversed if smuggled pork is banned from wet markets and only locally produced meat is sold.

"The advocacy is not only to protect the hog raising industry, we find also flaws from other provinces," he said.

Last year, the Umingan town council passed a resolution suspending the sale of imported frozen meat in the town's public market after backyard raisers and traders complained about the proliferation of imported meat there.

"We also received complaints from consumers that the imported meat did not taste good," he said.

"With the LMP resolution, we can impose a permanent ban. I believe all town mayors of Pangasinan, through support from the province, should support the advocacy against smuggled meats," Sambrano said.

Rafael Dalusong City and the towns of Bayambang and Binalonan passed resolutions banning the sale of imported frozen meat in their public markets.

Fernando Sy, head of the Alaminos Greenfield Agricultural Multi-Purpose Cooperative, said the chair of the party-list group Alona, said as much as P7 million kilograms of pork had been smuggled into the country since last year.

Citing reports from the Bureau of Customs (BOC), he said that of 1.3 million kg of pork imported in 2011, at least 67 million kg "illegally entered the country and flooded our markets."

In his visit to Dagupan City last week, Bureau Head Rep. Teodoro Casiño said he was one with his concern on the smuggling of pork and other agricultural products.

"The local hog industry will die if the practice will not be checked by the BOC and the Department of Agriculture," he said.

"Smuggling has become so rampant that local agricultural producers are now hurting," said Dagupan Mayor Benjamin Lim Resontoc. Sandy Fabunan Sendon, Inquirer Northern Luzon

SC asked to review Australian's ₱60-M pay claim

By Marlen Ronda

THE OFFICE of the Court Administrator (OCA) has asked the Supreme Court to set on a complaint against alleged kung ulterior is a high court division ruling granting P60 million in compensation to an Australian who had no permit to work in the Philippines when he claimed to have had employment status for a project that never took off in Baguio City.

OCA senior chief staff officer Ma. Luisa Lourdes asked the high court's Third Division to rule "whatever action may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances" in the complaint filed by Rolido Gamora.

Lourdes's request to Lourdes Sereno, the division's deputy clerk of court, was based on an endorsement letter from the Department of Justice chief state prosecutor, Ricardo Paras III, who acted on orders by Justice Secretary Leila de Lima.

De Lima's action was prompted by Gamora's letter to the justice secretary asking for help in seeking legal remedy against the high court's Sept. 18, 2009, ruling granted by now retired Associate Justice Conrado Vasquez Santiago.

The Sept. 18 ruling overturned the decisions of the National Labor Relations Commission (NLRC) and the Court of Appeals and awarded P60 million to compensation to Australian Andrew McBarnie who received dismissal of unlawfully terminating his employment in the construction firm E. Gaston Inc. (EGI).

Gamora said the NLRC and the appellate court ruled that McBarnie was "not an employee, but a business partner of EGI" in EGI's build project in Baguio City which did not materialize in 1999.

He also said that it was unchallenged that the foreigner did not have a working permit at the time when he supposedly worked for EGI.

"The decision will judicially legislate a rule allowing foreigners to work in the country absolutely without ... no alien employment permit could result, and effectively revoke all laws to the contrary," Gamora said.

"If uncontested, the lower's decision will result in an overall of more than P60 million to 'salaries' to a single foreigner who had no working visa and no alien employment permit, causing so many irregularities," he added.

Lourdes also told De Lima that McBarnie purportedly filed the case against him in 2002, almost three years after he left the country in November 1999.

He said records from the Bureau of Immigration and McBarnie's own admission showed that the Australian did not return to the Philippines to attend any of the 14 hearings conducted by the NLRC.

Dutch aid worker killed in Angeles

ANGELES CITY—A Dutch working for a nongovernment disaster management organization was shot and killed by a lone gunman in his office in a subdivision here on Tuesday, police reports showed.

Fred Villareal, a correspondent of San Jose Pampanga, said he was riding a story in the compound of the slain Baron at the L.A.G Subdivision when he saw two men enter the premises just now.

One of the suspects pointed a gun at Christian Geertsma, 47, who tried to resist the gun from the suspect. The suspect, however, regained control of the gun and shot Geertsma in the back.

The gunmen and his companion fled on a motorcycle.

Geertsma, who had lived in the Philippines for 30 years according to an Associated Press report, is to volunteer for another non-government organization in mayor. He died at the emergency room of Research Center Hospital Medical Center at 1:30 p.m., Villareal said.

The Associated Press also quoted a police investigator, Senior Insp. Ferdinand Angeles, as saying he's still trying to find out if he is related to Geertsma. P1.1 million that Geertsma had withdrawn after closing a bank account. Emerie Dejan, Inquirer Central Luzon

Rains, floods disrupt classes in Luzon provinces

HEAVY rains and flooding disrupted classes in many parts of Luzon yesterday and sent officials preparing for evacuations.

In two Bulacan towns—Obando and Hagonoy—classes were suspended when heavy rains and high tide in Manila Bay combined to bring floods to low-lying areas.

In Navotas, Cavite, a school was submerged in knee-deep floods but mainly because of high tide, according to Mayor Jose Ricardo.

Real-time water stations started to rise at dawn Tuesday, prompting the suspension of all classes in the town.

Cavite Gov. Juanito Victor Noriel, ordered classes suspended in the towns of Noveleta and Kawit, which are along the coast of Manila Bay.

Classes were also suspended in Bacoor and Tagaytay City, Cabuyao in Rizal and Calamba City in Laguna.

Nina Aglaiti, senior flood officer of the provincial disaster risk reduction and management council of Bulacan, said the Ipo Dam yesterday started releasing excess water after the reservoir breached its critical level of 101 meters above sea level (masl) due to heavy rains since Monday.

Agustin said a gate was opened and started releasing water at 48.5 cubic meters per second when the dam level reached 20.1 masl each yesterday.

Agustin said the water release was minimal and would not significantly increase water levels in the province's reservoirs.

The water level in Angat Dam, located upstream of Ipo Dam in Norzagaray town, was recorded at 180.05 masl on Tuesday morning, still below its 212 masl spilling level, according to the disaster response council.

In Hagonoy, water levels in the Hagonoy Rivers, the main drainage of Central Luzon to Manila Bay, had risen slightly, said Elben Hernando, head of the Hagonoy River Basin Flood Forecasting and Warning Center.

Lulu Alingasa-Ico, head of the Hagonoy disaster response council, said floodwaters topped the Sea Jose Bonifacio Bridge in Barangay Sapang Maragul to Hagonoy town. Low-lying areas in both sides of the town proper were flooded, she said.

At the eastern coastal side of Manaoag, houses and schools were flooded due to high tide.

Village leaders opened the evacuation center built by a Canada-based nongovernment organization near Tondol Elementary School to indigenous families, which last year marooned 13 for when Typhoons "Pedring" and "Quiel" struck.

In the Gentiles, police said they would distribute the "blankets," a kit containing rescue and medical equipment, to policemen in the region for rescue operations.

Chief Supt. Benjamin Magalong, regional police director, called officers to remain on alert on the possibility of evacuating residents in need of rescue.

The rains were brought by a low-pressure area off Batanes, according to the weather bureau Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa).

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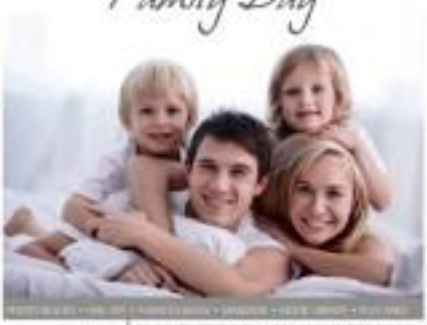

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ELDERS in villages are the bearers and keepers of culture that is passed on to the younger generation through songs, dances, rituals and rituals.

In IP villages, schools without walls bloom

By Maurice Malanes
Region City

BEFORE an audience composed mostly of academicians, Kalinga elder Alonzo Sacbay showed and explained that there is an appropriate song, pong-hooked music and dance for each activity or activity in his community.

"There is a song and dance for the homesick, for festivities such as weddings, for victories, good harvests and for mourning and grieving," said the 75-year old elder from Lubuagan town in Kalinga province.

It is Sacbay's way of defying how the point that the community has according to complete way of celebrating life's abundances, coping with unfortunate events such as the death of a loved one and moving on.

Sacbay, a Gawad sa Dinalikhan ng Buhay (National Living Treasures) 2000 awardee, spoke at the University of the Philippines-Baguio recently during a series of academic lectures, which was part of the 4th Biennial Institute of Indigenous Peoples (IPs) in the country's field Baguio International Conference.

Organized by the Heritage and Arts Academicians of the Philippines Foundation, the conference gathered key knowledge holders and culture bearers like Sacbay.

They exchanged and shared knowledge and cultures not only with other IPs in the country but from other indigenous peoples abroad like the Ainu of Japan, First Nations musicians from the United States, the Karen of Thailand, and some representatives from Mongolia and Indonesia. They joined the conference through the help of the Japan Foundation.

The conference also highlighted the initial lives of indigenous peoples in establishing schools of living tradition (SLTs), which the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) supports. The work and experiences of at least 30 SLTs in the country were looked in several venues in Baguio City last week.

No campus

Sacbay founded in 2009 an SLT called the Kalinga Center for Culture and the Arts (KCCA). Like other SLTs in the country, it has no building or campus. "The whole community is the center's campus," said Sacbay's son, Robinson.

As a living archeology in his village, Sacbay learned the various dances played to the beats and rhythms of gongs and all the songs, chants and prayers, which are all integral to the Kalinga way of life. His tools were keen observation and participation in all, if not most, of the community's festivities and events.

But as Kalinga's young people go to the towns and cities, including Baguio and Metro Manila, to get a university education or work, Sacbay expected the passage of his ancestral traditions will be lost unless it is intentionally preserved.

The KCCA offers an opportunity for an ancestral way of life to continue.

Through Sacbay's leadership and inspiration, the community has begun to revive its indigenous arts. Silk songs and other creative presentations.

Despite some religious groups' claims that hudhuran, such as gongs and jars, are pagan items, Sacbay has urged his village mates to preserve their traditions and cultural values.

"As I see it, he also sought to revive the making of "gangsa" (gong), which is a disappearing trade. The one scattered in small houses, which can come from small-scale miners in the villages and other neighboring communities.

He lobbied for and succeeded to convince the provincial government to grant funds for the conversion into a museum of an abandoned government building. Now supported by other patrons, the repository has become a branch of the National Museum.

Dream village

In the words in Sacbay's "dream village." Based on their special skills, his village masters are being separated according to skills, such as weaving, bead making, carving, blacksmithing and basket-making.

"The idea is to preserve, sustain, improve and enhance age-old traditions and skills from which community members can also earn extra income," Robinson said.

Still part of Sacbay's dream is a 36-hectare biodiversity park that showcases plants and forest. Being propagated in this site are wild fruits (such as "bignay," a kind of cherry, and "digwas," a wild plum), wild flowers, native root crops and indigenous herbs, shrubs and trees.

Abutting within the site is located to wild fruits and animals will be preserved.

Epics

Similar initiatives to preserve indigenous culture, tradition and cultural resources have been gaining ground in recent years. Thanks to efforts of indigenous peoples themselves, who lobbied for the recognition of their rights in the 1987 Constitution and to the Indigenous Peoples' Rights Act of 1997.

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US journalist cites Pinoys' strong sense of justice

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for Harper's Weekly and London Times. He wrote of his experiences in his little known work, "The Expedition to the Philippines," published in 1899 and recently digitized by the US Library of Congress.

Millet's 275-page chronicle provides glimpses of the Spanish-American War in the Philippines, the Philippine Revolution under Emilio Aguinaldo, the fledgling Hong Kong public and the resentments brought about by the growing American military presence in Manila.

Millet wrote that most Americans only heard of the Spanish city being used as the scene of a cluster of epic, almost sandbox, debates which end should be lit, and the "bright yellow rope found in every cowboy chap," referring to shots at Manila hemp rope.

"The geographical position of the bay caused end of the group of islands of which it is the metropolis was about as eager as most islands in the situation of the last discovered antipodean save us Mars," he wrote.

Millet interviewed Aguinaldo in Malolos, Bulacan province, and interacted with ordinary Filipinos, from brag Hong brothers and farmers to "upper-ten" fighting for independence.

City in a fog

As a painter, sculptor and decorative artist, Millet, a Harvard graduate, was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the US National Commission of Fine Arts. He had connections in Washington, Venice and Rome and was at the world fairs in Vienna, Chicago, Paris and Tokyo serving in juried and administrative advisory or decorative.

His background as a former reporter and editor of the Boston Courier made him the choice of European dailies as their correspondent during the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-78.

Millet arrived on board the USS Newport, one of the ships carrying volunteer regiments to be used in besieging the then Spanish colonial capital. Before taking the ships' entry into Manila Bay, Millet wrote that the city could not be seen because of fog.

Beginning of the end

The episode included Gen. Wesley Merritt, who was to become the first US military governor of the Philippines. They were welcomed with a cannon salute by the Olympia, flagship of Adm. George Dewey, whose fleet had defeated the Spanish navy in Manila Bay to complete the capture of Manila due to the lack of troops.

"[T]he drift-ooks of the great guns sounded along the great curve of the two close miles to the north where the domes and towers and palaces of Manila gleamed white in the sunlight, and carried on the fireworks an emphatic message that this was the beginning of the end," Millet wrote.

Tension was high in the Spanish and American camps as they were expecting the arrival of a Spanish fleet from Spain to relieve the Americans siege and drive away Dewey. The fleet, then at Suez Canal, was later ordered to return home.

MARKET THEN AND NOW in Manila taken from the book "The Expedition to the Philippines" by journalist Francis E. Millet published in 1899. Millet was in the Philippines from June to September 1898 as a war correspondent

Close, city fighters

Millet said the troops disembarked on the makeshift "Camp Dewey" at Taniho (in Pandacan) along the main road called Centro Real.

He found the camp crowded by "unrepenting Filipinos" selling fish, fruits, vegetables and other native articles. He noted that the American soldiers were promiscuously to vendors when off duty.

Among the souvenirs he ended up with were small wood carvings sold to him by a Filipino soldier at the trenches surrounding the city. They were "bonbons in color" for Americans and highly fondled in close salute."

Millet said the Filipinos, whether soldiers or civilians, made no effort to be rude. "When our men would be smothered in mud and bedraggled almost beyond recognition, the insurgents would come out in clean suits and would carry for us if they had never left their huts."

Filipinos left out

By then, the American and Filipino troops closing in on Manila had pushed up the surrounding towns into "zones of occupations." Millet wrote that the Americans military leaders, who considered Aguinaldo outsiders on all sides on entering planned to edge out the Filipinos from their towns.

Millet said the arrival of more American troops had incurred Aguinaldo and other Filipinos, who feared that minor incidents might result in hostilities between the two camps.

Battle of Manila

The Filipinos' fears were not unfounded—they were left out of the final attack on Manila.

Millet accompanied the US troops as they advanced to Manila, digging trenches and setting up defenses around the walled city.

The marching of night lights at the Luneta and the presence on the US command ships of diplomat-emissaries from the Spanish camps were signals to Millet that "something decisive" was about to happen.

This was the Battle of Manila on Aug. 13, when the walled city, after a token resistance, surrendered to the Americans.

Millet arrived just in time to witness Spanish Governor-General Fermin Jaudenes and Merritt sign the preliminary capitulation terms as the representatives, as City Hall.

'Perambulating'

The festivities over, the loyal Millet, after joining the Americans military victory corps, secured visas to Hongkong and spent the night at the Hotel Oriente. Later, as the US occupation of Intramuros eased restrictions to Filipinos began, Millet even found himself invited to lodge in Malacañang.

From the Palace grounds, he observed Filipinos living along the Pasig River and using it as a trading thoroughfare.

"Everywhere along the river on the banks and on all the native craft, the men and women are always bathing and washing their clothes. But bath is usually taken in the Malay fashion by pouring water from a cup or dipper over the head and body, and it is no uncommon sight to see a dripper deliberately walk into the water, take off his garments one by one, wash them, put them on and walk away a picture-looking bobo-dato," he wrote.

Music lovers

As for the women, Millet said they were "dressed in the thinnest cotton jacket and cotton, washed as to the every up to their wrists and have the widest garment with sleeves and clubs much the same as possession of European countries."

Millet commended Filipinos, whether in the city or in the provinces, for being clean in their bodies, clothes and homes, and that despite the lack of mosquitoes, he was never pestered by any other insects, similar to Commodore Dewey or Malacañang.

He particularly praised the Filipinos for being habitually respectful, for being understanding of foreigners unfamiliar with local customs and for being music lovers. In nearly every hut, a guitar or a similar instrument would be found, he said.

Typhoon warning center

In Tondo, Millet visited schools and the Manila Observatory. Its director, Fr. Federico Faura, showed him remote equipment, a huge telescope imported from the US, and scientific drawings and engravings by Filipinos.

Millet later said that the observatory had put up 14 stations throughout the Philippines to send daily or hourly weather reports by telegraph. The observatory also acted as an early warning center for neighboring countries.

From other reports, the typhoon and probably knew and directions of the directed typhoons are staunchly unsupported and a warning system is or once sent to Hong Kong and thence communicated to all importer shipping ports in China and the Yellow Sea," Millet said.

Aguinaldo interview

In August, as negotiations began in Paris on a treaty ending the war, Aguinaldo moved his capital from Bacoor to Malolos, where he announced the convening of a Congress on Sept. 15 to write a constitution.

On that day, Millet found himself on the Manila-Dagupan railway traveling to Bulacan to interview the President. He had befriended the railway manager, Horace Higgins, and later journeyed to the end of the rail in Dagupan city.

Higgins wanted to complain to Aguinaldo about the destruction of rail tracks. The train reached the station and the railway he rail workers in Aguinaldo's headquarters in Malolos, they were ushered into a waiting room and given Manila cigars.

Gentleman in black

"[W]hile we were lighting up, a small individual, in full evening black suit and flowing black tie, presented himself before us," Millet said. "Never having seen the gentleman before in civilian's dress, I did not for a moment recognize him, but was struck at once by the Chinese cast of his head and features. An instant later I saw, of course, it was Aguinaldo, and he came forward and, after a handshake, and began our chat."

Millet and Higgins went to speak to Aguinaldo about public interest matters but in every leading question, the President would reply, "My people will decide," or "I shall be obliged to refer that to my people to relieve hands I am."

Millet was generally unimpressed with Aguinaldo and thought he was a mere figurehead. However, he noted that Aguinaldo's successes were "unprecedented" and he was commanding a large army.

After promising Higgins that he would deal with the railway, Aguinaldo invited them to the opening of the Congress.

Sweltering heat

At Barasoain Church, Millet saw that the delegates were wearing black coats, in contrast with current photos showing them in white. He observed the delegates were using their hats for fans to fan themselves vigorously due to the heat.

Millet said he and a Japanese were the only foreign journalists at the Congress' inaugural.

When Miller left Bulacan Sept. 22 for Hong Kong, the delegates were still drafting the Constitution and more US troops were arriving in the occupied city.

Gentle people

Millet admitted his narrative only gave one side of the picture.

"Most of our men had never any dealings with semi-barbarous people and they were absolutely unable to comprehend their status or to appreciate the motives of the Filipinos, who were, from the American point of view, almost as far removed from the condition of civilized men as are the uncivilized ones," he said.

Personally, Millet said, he never had any difficulties with Filipinos, except those which naturally resulted from the state of tension that existed.

The officers and the soldiers with whom I came in contact under exceptionally trying circumstances were courteous and friendly and the natives not bearing arms were as gentle and mild-mannered in any other people of Malay stock," he said.

Virtues and faults

Millet said Filipinos "have many good traits, but they have considerable virtues as well."

"Since their habits are different from those in which we are accustomed, they take a more prominent place in our estimation of their character and the suspension of this unfavorable view," he said.

"They are said to be irregular in their habits of work and are dilatory and improvident. That is, of course, partly the result of the climate and of long oppression, but it is really temperaments.

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DA leads Makina-Saka 2012

Agriculture Secretary Proceso J. Alcala (left) and Camarines Governor Alfredo Marañon Jr. (2nd left) enjoy a ride on one of the various farm machinery and equipment (FAME) displayed by the Agusto Air Corporation during the Makina-Saka 2012 launching activity at the Bicol Agricultural Research and Development Center (BARDC) in Pili, Camarines Sur. The Department of Agriculture (DA) is leading the implementation of the Philippine Rice Industry Development Program (PRIDP), a comprehensive and integrated program that aims to increase rice production and farmers' income. (PIA photo)

Bulong ng isang matibong mukmok ang kasukdulan sa Pilipinas ang inaasahang ng lahat na pagkain ang bawat mamamayan. Ito ang dahilan kaya nakaisip ito, matatagpuan nanunang ang kabuhayan ng mga magsasaka, at tuloy ng mga matatandang pangarap ng mga mamamayan ng Pilipinas.

Sinagumpaan ng ating pamahalaan ang dalawang na pagbibigkas ng Repasuan ta pagpapalakas pa ng isang Makina-Saka 2012 ay inspirasyon ng pagtatanggap ng isang Makina-Saka 2012 ay inspirasyon ng pagtatanggap ng isang pagtatanggap ng isang pagtatanggap ng isang

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Tigers oust Energy, face Meralco in KO

Petron Blaze brings in Italian league veteran

GAME TODAY (Great Western Arena)
6:45 p.m.—Meralco vs Powerade

By Mikang R. Castillo

POWERADE did second thing it has never done before in its synergasyo as a high-scorin PBA team this season, and that is win a tight game without Gary David in the stretch.

With Dan Sunday loud enough sidelined in the last three quarters, the Tigers pulled out a 89-85 win over Barako Bull last night to live another day in the Governors' Cup at Smart Araneta Coliseum.

Josh Vanlandingham ably filled in for David, shooting all of his 15 points after their team leader hit the bench, and Omar Sneed darted with a triple-double as the Tigers advanced to another KO match against Meralco today.

Sneed wound in 14 points, had 15 rebounds, eight assists, five steals and a block.

"His absence is a big thing, but we barely did it because his production was really fulfilled our bench players," coach Ito Peñawal said of David, who left the game due to a foot injury.

At 11-0 run early in the third quarter had the Tigers pasting away from a 54-all game and they rode it all the way to the end with Vanlandingham hitting some clutch three-pointers and Sneed doing almost everything.

Though the Tigers went to a sustained lead there, the Energy didn't stop trying, coming to within 89-85 only for game officials to do a do-or-bee by failing to call a three-second violation on Sneed in one crucial play.

Sneed by in the divided line for in one thin. five seconds, and JV Casio escaped with a one-up that gave the Tigers a 97-89 lead going into the final 1:42.

Six players scored twin digits for Powerade, counting Dan(D. 13 which he shot all to the first period.

Meanwhile, Petron brought in yesterday Italian league veteran Brad Mattgerry as a possible replacement for the hurting Eddi Rocher.

Mattgerry, however, will have to prove he can play defense before he will be able to suit up. Waiting in the wings are Anthony Grundy and Anthony Johnson.

The scores:

POWERADE 98—Guevel 2-2 Sanidad-Jaime 4-8 Casio 5-8, Anthony 4-9, Samanes 10-Casio 0-0, Singapore 7 Zubaran 4, Belmonte 2-2, Dagdag 0-1, Ildefonso 0-2

BARAKO BULL 89—Simpson 20, Dupe 20, Enamor 14, Eller 12, Tolentino 7, Pascual 2, Cruz 7, Hrapmont 2, Salvador 4, Jones 2.

Quarters: 28-20, 52-42, 72-71, 89-85

BARAKO Bull's Esther Cruz sneaks in spare off Powerade's Omar Sneed in last night's game that was still being played in overtime. ALEXIS DIAZ

DONAIRE: I hope to get him a show they'll appreciate.

Donaire all set for title fight

By Marc Anthony Reyes

LOS ANGELES—Nonito Donaire Jr. plunged into another workout by the palm tree-lined path of Manhattan Beach Monday afternoon, less than a day after wrapping up what he termed as his "toughest training camp ever."

He finished his lean, toned body—not "inventoried" as his nutritionist Victor Conte described, but noticeably bulkier than before—as he hit mitts and shadowboxed at the yard of the Wavelet, where he will stay before the world super bantamweight title confirmation fight against South African Jeffrey Mathebula on Saturday (Sunday in Manila).

"He is a tough opponent, he's tall and he's got the belt," said Donaire, who swapped up his training camp under Robert Garcia in San Mateo, some 500 kilometers from here.

Garcia said they signed Mathebula to fire on all cylinders in the hope of replicating the same surprise Juanito Lopez pulled off over highly favored Victor Ortiz.

Lopez, a replacement opponent, broke the Ortiz-Junior welterweight's jaw and forced him to surrender after nine rounds at Staples Center here.

But without giving away their strategy for the fight, Garcia said they have equipped Donaire with enough weapons to stand from knockdowns.

Donaire, the IBFO champ with a record of 28-0-0 with 18 knockouts, said he has been putting on pounds even before his eight-week camp. Hoping to summon the support of the large Filipino community here, he is set to "have a blast" day on Thursday at the Conte's Gym.

"There's a lot of Filipinos here and I hope to give them a show they will appreciate," said Donaire. Tickets have reportedly been selling like hotcakes at $100, $50 and $25.

Donaire and his family migrated to the Los Angeles, some 600 km from Home Depot Center here, where the fight will be held.

The boxer is the co-member of so-called trio of Southern Kennet champions Rolly Hidalgo of Ohio and Wilfredo Gomez of New York.

Mathebula, the IBF champion who at 5-foot-10 will be the Filipino Flash's tallest and biggest opponent to date, is expected to hit 130 lbs and meet the media Tuesday in the open workout at Fortune Gym on Sunset Boulevard.

At 28-4-1 with 24 KOs, Mathebula examine the underdog to the fight, having lost two of his last six fights. Dubbed as the Mzonkhai Megapower, Mathebula is also making his first fight in the United States and second outside his country.

Mathebula is an Olympian and is a good friend of Mikaili Mthalane, whom Donaire fought in the ninth round of their IBF/IBF flyweight title fight in 2008 in Mandalay Bay.

5-time world champ heads Bolo shoot cast

By Jasmine W. Payo

5-TIME world shooting champion took the international nod using for gold in the 1266 Desmetic "Bolo" Season Cup Event, July 12 to 15 at the Asian Corporation of the Philippines (Asmaco) range in Marikina.

Eric Gundhil, a five-time International Practical Shooting Confederation (IPSC) world champion, features a strong field of 500 local and foreign shooters from the United States, Europe and Asia.

Asmaco president Gina Abaya Angeles said the tournament, named after the fruit of the country's biggest firearms and ammunition manufacturer, is part of the firm's 75th year celebration.

"It's a good venue to show how good our products are and you can see how our guns perform in tough situations," Angeles said in the PSA Forum presented by Atmat, Pajero and Shakey's yesterday at Shakey's UN Avenue.

Former world champion Jethro Dionisio leads the Philippines' bid to the tournament featuring the standard, open, classic, production and revolver standard divisions.

Aside from the 32-year-old Gundhil, who won the French National Champ-

ASMACO'S Gina Angeles speaks during the PSA Forum. On the right, Eric Gundhil.

ionship at 15, other favorites are Simon "JP" Narciso, Bob Lordhan, Doug Koenig, Mickey Fowler, John Pilde and Mary Grace Tan.

Fowler, a Glen-Ann United States Practical Shooting Association (USPSA) grand master, was part of the US team in the 2010 International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Shooting Championships.

PHILIPPINE embassy and Filipino community officials welcome swimmers Jessie Ming Lacuna (third from left) and Jasmine Alkhaldi (fifth from left) and shooter Brian Rosario (second from right).

Olympians get warm welcome in London

THE first group of Filipino athletes and officials received a warm welcome from their London-based countrymen last week as they prepared to join a training camp ahead of the Olympic Games.

Shooter Brian Rosario and swimmers Jessie Ming Lacuna and Jasmine Alkhaldi and Anais Ming Jasmine met with embassy and Filipino community officials on arrival at London's Heathrow airport.

"Good luck and warm power to all of you as you strive to win a medal," embassy official Bay Cariaga told the group that also included coaches Roy Bevero of swimming and Jay Gomez of shooting and administrative officer Jennifer Lacuna, Libet Welles Mac and his coach Toni Agustin arrived in London on Sunday.

Team Pacquiao not keen on Bradley fight

IN HUDDLE

Alvin Cuffa

Pacquiao fight has been scheduled for Nov. 11 this year (even though his opponent has yet to be named).

It isn't likely to be Timothy Bradley, to whom the Filipino superstar lost by a highly controversial split decision last June 9, according to Pacquiao's lawyer and adviser Proudlie Good Jr. in a recent Philboxing website.

"Bradley simply isn't attractive enough for Team Pacquiao," said Good. "Sitting him a rematch will not only dignify one of the weakest titles up divisions as boxing in recent years, it will also be financially counterintuitive pure nature."

For Bradley's fresh future, though, looks bleak compared to a Pacquiao-Bradley rematch in November and the fact has intimated that the new welterweight champion would get a bigger purse and a better pay-per-view share, mean in the promoter of both Pacquiao and Bradley.

The Pacquiao-Bradley fight last June pulled in for the 1 million PPV mark. It was only the second time a Pacquiao fight did not make a million-buy event, 2008, when he fought Oscar de la Hoya.

The other one was against Joshua Clottey

Like most boxing experts, Good said Manny seems to be running out of worthy opponents. He finds Floyd Mayweather Jr. to be the only one left but the undefeated American is locked up in jail, serving time for beating up his girlfriend and has won.

"Pacquiao is other welterweight division have dried up with an many would-be contenders falling by the wayside. The latest was Victor Ortiz, who quit after breaking his jaw in a fight with Juanito Lopez on Saturday.

Pacquiao sparring partner Andy Khan also lost to Lucasse Peterson, who in turn looked positive for a rematch unless recently.

But the moment at hand, the Nov. 11 fight is not Manny's immediate concern.

By this time the Pacman card is finally should be headed for the Holy Land, a trip that was planned before he fought Bradley

It is often asked. Is Nonito "The Filipino Flash" Donaire Jr. the next Manny Pacquiao?

Very recently, a boxing scribe asked Nonito if he wanted to be the next Pacquiao.

This was his answer:

"I respect and admire him, but there is only one Manny Pacquiao. I want to be known as Nonito Donaire Jr.," said the boxer tagged as the hole opponent to Pacquiao.

Nonito takes on the tuller Cat 5 foot 10 but taller (175) South African IBF super bantamweight champion Jeffrey Mathebula (two time undefeatus rounds on Saturday at the Home Depot in Carson City, California.

Nonito, 28, is WBO super bantamweight champ. He is favored to win over 2008 Olympian Mathebula, who lost two of his last six fights by split decision.

In fact, four of Mathebula's last six fights ended in split decision, which they say is symptomatic of a record.

Blue Eagles still UAAP consensus top squad

By Jasmine W. Payo

DESPITE powering National University to a preseason crown, Eric Fedo thinks the Bulldogs will have more formidable opponents in the UAAP men's basketball tournament this season.

"We still have a lot of stuff to work on," said Fedo, the reigning UAAP Most Valuable Player. "All the teams that played in Nikki (last season) there are. That's not the end destination."

The Bulldogs pulled off a superior 11-game sweep of the Filoil Flying V Preseason Invitational, outpacing the Blue Eagles in the semifinals and the La Salle Green Archers in the title round.

"It doesn't matter if we were the preseason," Fedo added during the PSA Forum presented by Smart, Pajero and Shakey's at Shakey's UN Avenue yesterday. "We're not there yet, but we will be when the MAP season rounds."

The Bulldogs kick off Season 73 against the University of the East at 2 p.m. on July 19 at Moa Arena (MOA) Arena.

The Ateneo University, a traditional favorite, tackles University of Santo Tomas at 4 p.m.

The Blue Eagles start their bid for a fifth straight crown against Adamson at 4 p.m. on July 15, after the 2 p.m. battle between La Salle and University of the Philippines.

"If anything can be anything for the crown, there we are, because we're aspiring for it," said NU athletic director Jamil Bocale. "For the last three years, we've been training abroad and building this team."

"The team to beat is Ateneo," added Bulldogs guard Ayee Inigo.

UST's veteran guard Jeric Fabian agreed that the Tigers' experience will be a key factor.

'Great starting point' for cycling as factions unify

By Jane Navarro

DIVIDED for a long time, cycling finally became one.

Taguig City Mayor Abraham "Bambol" Tolentino was installed president of PhilCycling while Philip Ella Juico agreed to table down to vice president during the association's unified elections yesterday, ending a lengthy leadership tug-of-war that had stalled the country's riders in the international scene.

"This is a great morning point for PhilCycling," said Tolentino during the elections held at One Bluemade in Pasay City and attended by 96 heads out of the 240 legitimate member-clubs nationwide.

"Our cyclists can now compete freely in big races overseas without distractions."

Also elected by the 33-man board of trustees were cycling "godfather" Bert Lina (chief), Oscar Rodriguez (treasurer), and Jesus Arenas (auditor). The body appointed Avelino Domingo as secretary general and Jojo Villa as executive director.

"Let's forgive and forget," added Tolentino. "We have to move on as one."

Elected as directors for the next four years were cycling greats Paquito Ross and Meliston Rosos, Jeanelyn Esmeralda, Carlos Cardenia, Lyceano Lumibao Jr., Froilan Dayco, Nic Rodriguez, Pablito Sual, Ernesto Baylon and former Commission on Elections commissioner Gregorio Garcia.

Philippine Olympic Committee president Jose "Peping" Cojuangco Jr. attended the ceremony as observer along with POC spokesperson Joey Romasanta and Asian Cycling Confederation secretary general Chui Boon-seong, who stood as emissary of the Union Cyclists Internationale.

CHIEF CYCLING PhilCycling president Abraham Tolentino (seated, third from left) and VP Philip Ella Juico (seventh from left) pat fellow officials (seated from left) Avelino Samagaio, Oscar Rodriguez, Chui Boon-seong, Jose Cojuangco Jr., Bert Lina, Jesus Arenas and (back row) Juanito Ramores, Modesto Rosos, Paquito Ross, Jun Lumibao, Gregorio Garcia and Nic Rodriguez. PABLO SUAL, FROILAN DAYCO AND CARMELO BARRIOS

"We have to thank the leaders of this association for leading the unification," said Cojuangco, who gained recognition in the new PhilCycling. "This is one sport where we can really excel. Under this new leadership, I know we can go a long way."

Cojuangco and Tolentino cited London Olympian Ismael BMX rider Danny Cuhag as proof that Filipinos can shine in the sport.

The 16-year-old Filipino-American, a four-time No. 1 BMX competitor in the United States, is training in the Netherlands. The Jose Antonio native in the BMX arena is scheduled to compete on Aug. 9.

The dispute began in early 2009 when another cycling group challenged the leadership of Tolentino, the legitimate head of PhilCycling.

At one point, the POC recognized another cycling faction while Tolentino and his group maintained a smooth relationship with the UCI, the sport's international governing body, and the ACC.

The conflict intensified after 11 Filipino cyclists were barred from racing in the 2009 Laos Southeast Asian Games for failing to secure UCI licenses.

Last year, Juico, a former chair of the Philippine Sports Commission, became the fourth president of the other faction.

Each side named seven board members to the new body while Cojuangco picked Lina, a former PhilCycling president, as the 15th member of the board of trustees. Lina pledged P500,000 as seed money for PhilCycling.

UCI president Dr. McQuaid expressed optimism over the direction of Philippine cycling.

"Hopefully, Philcycling will now move forward in a professional way and we will see cyclists getting international results," said McQuaid.

Team PH gains knockout stage

Britain, China 1 &2 show might

TEAM Philippines composed of Eliezo "Baby" Reyes, Francisco "Django" Bustamante, Dennis Orcollo and Rubilen Amit routed Estonia, 8-1, Monday and cruised to the knockout stage of the 2012 World Pool Team Championships at the Dongchenu Lake High School in Beijing, China.

Having beaten the Indonesians, 4-2, in Sunday's opener, the Filipinos raised their total to 6.0 points and can afford to drop their Group A match against the Croatians Tuesday night and still qualify for the round of 16.

Croatia, however, should be a tight engagement for the Filipinos who are being supported by local billiards "godfather" Manny Pacquiao and sportsman Pinoy Marizona, as the Croatians got swept by the Indonesians, 8-6, also Monday.

Indonesia and Croatia are tied with 3.0 points each while Estonia bagged the relief with no points to show in Group A of the event that offers a total purse of $300,000. The champion receives $80,000.

Matching the Filipinos' 2-0 start and also advancing to the knockout stage starting Wednesday were side Great Britain and doubles tandem South Korea in Group B, China 1 and China 2, Chinese Taipei and Japan.

China 1, made up of Li Hewei, Fu Jiaobao, Liu Haitao, Fu Kaoling and Pan Xiaoting, bowed Malaysia, 4-3, in Group B.

China 2 did even better as it dumped Singapore, 6-0, in Group C. The side assembled British duo matched that whitewash against India in Group E.

In Group D, Japan eked out win No. 2 against Vietnam, 4-2.

Taiwan dumped Norway 6-0, to qualify ahead of Germany in Group F.

The Germans, dropping off a 5-3 draw with the Norwegians Sunday, blanked the Mongolians, 6-0, and moved nearer the final 16 with 4.0 points in Group F. Ray Lustan

CRUISE Orcollo brings his shaky form to the table for the Filipinos.

Lagula, Literatus cop silver, bronze

SIC DOMINGUEZ Lagula and Aurelio Jacob Literatus clinched a silver and a bronze medal, respectively, in the Men competition of the 2012 Asian Youth Chess Championships on Monday in Sri Lanka.

Lagula, pride of Bacoor, Cavite, Mayor Strike Revilla, bagged the silver medal.

Earlier, Shamia Mae Monsalve of Sta. Rosa, Laguna, Stephanie Rose Pangilinan of Pandacan, Manila, and Justin Wendell of Las Piñas City finished gold, silver and bronze medals in the rapid competition.

The Filipinos, being supported by the National Chess Federation of the Philippines, the Philippine Sports Commission and the Philippine Olympic Committee, thus collected a gold, two silvers and two bronzes in the event.

POC targets 20 Olympic sports in SEA Games

HOSTS VERSUS

By Jane Navarro

AIMING to eliminate some of the built-in advantages enjoyed by every host country, the Philippine Olympic Committee is campaigning for the inclusion of more Olympic sports in the Southeast Asian Games.

POC secretary general Steve Hontiveros said yesterday they would lobby for the inclusion of at least 20 Olympic disciplines in future editions of the SEA Games, starting with next year's biennial competitions in Naypyidaw, Myanmar.

The POC will make the pitch during the 58th Games Federation meeting on July 14 and 15 when representatives from the 11 member countries discuss the lineup of events in Myanmar from the 30 sports already pencilled.

"We should mandate the host (country) to include a minimum of 20 (Olympic) sports," said Hontiveros, who is scheduled to leave on July 12 together with POC chair Monico Puentevella, treasurer Julian Camacho and board member Jeff Tamayo.

"That way Olympic sports will have more weight to determine the overall champion."

By tradition, host countries pick the venue of sports where they could gain success and bag the overall championship.

Hontiveros said he would also suggest limiting to two the number of sports favored by the host to avoid a deluge of medals from disciplines unfamiliar to the majority.

Indonesia, last year's host, removed six sports (345 events), including indigenous disciplines sepaktakraw and kempo, on top of bridge, paragliding, roller skating, sport climbing and water skiing.

As a result, the Indonesians romped away with 282 gold medals compared to Thailand's second place effort of 188 golds.

Fil-Am Friendship Day baseball

BASEBALL Philippines holds a series of exhibition games and has filled activities a close with the Fil-Am Friendship Day celebrations on Sunday at the Rizal Baseball Stadium in Makati City.

United States Ambassador to the Philippines Harry Thomas, a baseball buff, will be the special guest of the event organized by Community Sports Inc.

Highlighting the festivities, to be graced by sports commissioner Jolly Gomez, is the 11:30 a.m. clash between Baseball Philippines 80 Team against the national team selection gearing up for the World Baseball Classic 16 lineup.

Filipino karters end Asian tilt title woes

KARTERS Flynn Jacinto (left) and Gabriel Cabrera

THE PHILIPPINES result through TRT Flynn Jacinto and Gerard Ram Piewalet Gabriel Cabrera in the Mini-ROK class, finally ending its five-year title drought in the Asian Karting Open Championship opening leg recently at the Racedrome in Celaya in Mexico.

Racing abroad for the first time, the 12-year-old Cabrera shrugged off a serious injury to piece third runner-up despite the absence of a crash and with his usual cautious Jacinello Racquit in tow.

Cabrera topped the race team at 1:03.674 for the Philippines to enjoy a 1-2-3 manners with Ezdert Dingajan in second and Flynn Jacinto third on the grid for the qualifying heats.

Cabrera found an unlikely ally in Taiwanese rival Lin Tzee Hua and Indonesian Stanzo Sanzoa, who along with leaving face against Cabrera's show of resilience and perseverance in the Filipino round to second place from fifth in the final grid, enduring a lower rib sickness injury incurred from a crash during the finals versus opponents.

The intimidating rivals, however, caused Cabrera to slip from second to fourth place by the end of the race as he suddenly collapsed at the weigh-in area.

"There is no such thing as a below-par, only broken frame. But our team first ran into a Filipino karter's will to win," said Cabrera, who was subdued off to the Klang Wei Hospital for treatment.

Cabrera returned to receive his third runner-up trophy along with Jacinto, who bagged the top spot.

Solar Sports' viewing party at Bugsy's lures hundreds

SOLAR Sports' live viewing party for the Euro 2012 finals drew hundreds of fans at Bugsy's at McKinley Hill—all the way to Taguig.

The match, which saw Spain crush Italy, 4-0, and lift the European Championship Cup, started at 2:30.

The fifth straight win for Spain in the straight after eating the world's 2008 edition and the 2010 World Cup.

The finals telecast will be replayed on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 8:30 p.m. on Channel 30 (Skycable), Channel 56 (Global Destiny) and Channel 45 (Digital) and Channel 21 (Cable Link).

The fifth straight win for Spain's gave away bets and appetizers to the fans.

Fil-Am BMX ace, Santos eye repeat victories

FILIPINO-AMERICAN Cedric Ducusin and Nonn Santos are tipped to prevail in their respective events again when the second leg of Cebu Lions Rule Baker BMX event series fires off this Saturday at AM Steelmill in Cebu Pitias.

Ducusin, a veteran of the US Pro BMX event circuit, called the Ilos Jump Creator as the emperor of Jumbia, the national BMX Super X Street champion, who stands as the Street event in the June 30 first leg at the open parking area of SM City Mandaue in Antipolo.

The two are expected to be challenged fiercely by Don Lapre of Team Republikan and Ildron Iquiña of Team Ildron who will be competing in their home turf.

Also seeing action in the qualifying event that displays 16 aces in the grand finals is first leg Ilos Jump titlist Jimuel James Lang of Bauig City, as well as riders from Laguna, Cavite, Pampanga, Mandaluyong, Makati, Quezon province and Bicol region.

Registration starts at 8 a.m. and ends at 12 noon on the day of the event supported by Cebu Energy Drink, Urge Events, BC Shoes, Inquisitrail, Solar Sports, 100 Supersuds, Philippine Daily Inquirer, Radio Tribune, Brat-ness Bikes, Mobile Tunes, Fury Rock 96.3 and Home Radio 97.9.

The competition blasts off at 1 p.m.

Some 200 riders are active in the first leg where Chong Zabal of Marikina and Anthonie Shinnen of Bacoor, Cavite, finished second and third, respectively, in the Street event.

Ainge eyes 'Big Three' comeback for Celtics

BOSTON—Celtics president Danny Ainge is determined to keep the team's Big Three in Boston next season.

Ainge said Monday he is hoping to keep intact the aging trio of Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen and Paul Pierce, who brought the Celtics their first NBA championship in 22 years in 2008.

Pierce is already under contract and Garnett has repeatedly signaled a desire that he or deal that can't be finalized until July 11—the first day free agents can officially sign.

When it left for Magic is to convince Allen, a free agent, to stay. The veteran shooting guard who just had stellar surgery is expected to be being courted by Miami rival Memphis, but the Celtics are in position to offer Allen more money than either the heat or Grizzlies.

"We are sure if there's progress or no progress, there's just conversation going on," Ainge said of the team's talks with Allen. "We really want Ray to come back. Time will tell."

Ainge added that he also wants to re-sign free agent forwards Brandon Bass and Jeff Green, who missed all of this past season with a heart problem that required surgery. Big man Chris Wilcox, who also missed time with a heart condition, is also on Ainge's radar.

But Ainge says the Big Three remains the key to the Celtics again contending in the Eastern Conference.

Meanwhile, Jared Sullinger and Fab Melo, the 21st and 22nd players taken in the draft, and second round pick Fab Joseph were introduced to the media.

Ainge said Sullinger, a power forward and **likely a top pick if he would have left** Ohio State, has gone instead of returning and skipping to the first round because of back problems. still able more than of course Sullinger said he's ready for whatever coach Doc Rivers wants him to do and that his injury problems are behind him.

"Honestly, I don't have any back problems. It is what it is—it's just playing basketball now," said Sullinger, who called slipping to No. 21 in the draft a "blessing in disguise."

Ainge said Melo, a 7-foot Brazilian out of Syracuse, will be a project but has a huge upside.

"One of the few guys in all of college basketball who blocks shots and takes charges." AP

ROGER Federer serves the championship point during the final match against Andy Murray. AP

Sharapova crashes on 'Manic Monday'

Other big names hang tough

WIMBLEDON, England—All of many, there were a thought of actually at a next until nobody All England Club early Monday afternoon.

Top-seeded and 2004 Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova, a big hitter in her own right, was overpowered in a 6-4, 6-0 loss to No. 15-ranked Sabine Lisicki.

Fifth-time title winner Serena Williams was kicked to a three-set tussle against a solid-serving Ivan Kazakhstan who is ranked 48th but is responsible for the only perfect set in women's professional tennis. Defending champion Petra Kvitova was trying to resist fatic after dropping her opening set.

Oh, and over on Center Court, there was the not-so-significant matter of 16-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer's meltdown to get frustrated for his editing back.

The onset of Week 2 at Wimbledon has been dubbed "Manic Monday," because it's the only major tournament that schedules all 16 fourth-round singles matches on one day.

The mixed result was the abrupt end of Sharapova's bid to become the first women since Williams in 2002 to win the French Open and Wimbledon in the same year. Less than a month after completing a career Grand Slam in Paris to return to No. 1, Sharapova bowed out against someone she had beaten in three other times this year.

"Nothing is easy. Certainly not a Wimbledon title," Sharapova said. "So I don't know if it's easier or tougher now than it was years ago, but I don't think it's even easier."

Kvitova, seeking a seventh trophy at the grass-court Grand Slams, beat Dustin Brown 7-6 (11-8), 4-6, 6-3 in nearly a 3½ encounter under quarterfinal, adding to its second. After the seventh game, Brown got help from a trainer for his back.

Kvitova next faces Mikhail Youzhny, a 6-3, 3-7, 6-4, 6-7 (7), 7-5 winner over Sergiy Stakhovsky.

The only other match ended is open to Wednesday's quarterfinals is No. 1 Novak Djokovic. The defending champion improved to 12-1 against Viktor Troicki, his doubles partner for Serbia at the upcoming London Olympics, by winning, 6-3, 6-2, 6-3 under the Centre Court roof.

The women's quarterfinals are set for Tuesday. No. 6 Nadia Petrova, No. 4 Kvitova, who came back to beat No. 24 Francesca Schiavone of Italy 2-6, 7-5, 8-6.

Yaroslava Shvedova gave Williams, the 13-time major champion, all she could handle over the last two sets before losing, 6-1, 2-6, 7-5. AP

Phelps leads US Olympic swim team

PHELPS

OMAHA, Nebraska—The United States looks poised to send teams of 47 swimmers—every Boxwog with talent and experience—for the London Olympics after the outlined 2-lab cracked on Monday.

The squad was made up of 23 men and 24 women, and led by the men-and Michael Phelps, who qualified for his fourth Olympics.

Phelps qualified for five individual events which, with the addition of the three relays, would have more Olympics in the most events he's ever on Beijing four years ago.

But he dropped the 200 meters freestyle from his program to save his energy for the relays, where the American four a huge challenge defending the 4x100m freestyle.

"The relays are always intense," Jamal coach of the men's team from Group Five told reporters. "There's a tough pregame Michael relaxes. It's really tough.

He's a little bit older, and those older guys don't recover quite as quickly."

Colorado teenager Missy Franklin also qualified for seven events, indicating she or Jays, like it did at Australia Sounds Swimmer to do so until but already emerged as the most star of the women's team heading to her first Olympics.

"I think she's proven that she can handle the highest pressure with her performance here over the last week," women's head coach Teri McKeever said.

"She's 17 years old, but she handled this meet like a seasoned professional."

Ryan Lochte qualified in five events and could add another in the relays. He swims with Phelps' assistance to be one of the highlights of the Olympics.

"My endurance that. It's good for the sport and it's good for the athletes," Troy added.

The oldest member of the team is 30-year-old Jason Lezak, who qualified as a reserve in the 4x100m freestyle relay. The youngest was 15-year-old Katie Ledecky, the winner of the 800m freestyle. Reuters

World Cup 2014 could make Spain greatest ever

SPAIN goalkeeper Iker Casillas lifts the trophy after the Euro 2012 final. Known as Red Fury, or La Furia Roja, the Spanish football team could carry crown popular label after its latest conquest: greatest of all time.

EDIT. Disaster—Spain has taken its place among football's all-time great sides by becoming the first team to defend its European Championship after winning the World Cup. The task now is to be remembered as the greatest.

The squad of records already added to the 2014 World Cup in Brazil to retain its title from two years ago in South Africa. If the Spaniards can do that, it will be virtually impossible to deny them the moniker of best team ever.

On Sunday Spain thumped Italy 4-0, in the Euro 2012 final to secure its unprecedented treble. Only Germany in the 1970s has a European treble.

The scoreline was both glorious and misleading. Spain controlled the game for the majority of the tournament in which they were at times criticized for being boring for playing possession-based football and starving wonderstrikers an additional of a recognized striker.

Spain certainly has done an impressive job of winning since Luis Aragones' side won Euro 2008 with Fernando Torres and David Villa up front. Aragones has stayed true to Spain's "tiki taka"—or quick-touch—and free-flowing—style.

Spain's effectively neutralized opponents through possession, with its heavy passing game doing them and creating the chances they needed to break through.

"What we do is difficult but we make it look easy. It wasn't a walk in the park," said goalkeeper and captain Iker Casillas, who hasn't conceded a goal in the eliminations stages of a tournament since the 2008 World Cup, a run of 10 games. "We were being fun to watch playing in the and by moving the ball."

Since ending the European Championship in Vienna four years ago, Spain became the first team to win 15 straight competitive fixtures and matched Brazil's record 35-game unbeaten run in the 1990s. Spain is currently unbeaten in 29 straight official games. AP

Rare error helps Rays trip Yankees

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida—BJ Upton and Carlos Pena homered as the Tampa Bay Rays took advantage of Mark Teixeira's first error of the season to beat the New York Yankees, 4-3, on Monday.

Pinch hitter Brooks Conrad's RBI double with two outs in the seventh inning off Jerald Robertson (0-1) made it 3-all. Teixeira followed by misplacing Elliot Johnson's chop grounder over first base for his first error in 871 chances this year, enabling Conrad to score the go-ahead run.

Matt Moore (5-5) allowed three runs while pitching nine hits over seven innings to win his third straight decision. The Rays chipped a two-game losing streak that had dropped them a season-high 7½ games behind the first-place Yankees in the AL East.

At Toronto, Mike Minor threw his first career grand slam, Everett Teaford pitched seven innings for his first win of the season as the Kansas City Royals edged the Blue Jays, 12-11.

Infielder Johnny Giavotella hit his first career home run and Colby Rasmus clubbed a solo shot off the facing of the fifth deck but it wasn't enough for the Blue Jays, who lost for the fifth time in seven games.

At Cleveland, Jared Weaver earned a shutout into the eighth inning, registering out of a three-loaded jam in the seventh, to lead the Los Angeles Angels to a 3-0 victory at the Indians.

Weaver (9-3) allowed five singles, struck out seven and remained unbeaten in Cleveland. He's 5-0 with 1.32 ERA in eight career starts. AP

Coach explains Beckham snub: Form not good enough

WEMBLEY, England—Mikeh Olympic football coach Stuart Pearce opened for redebutantes over sentiment by omitting David Beckham from his squad, drawing the country's most famous sportsman to silent cheer announcing at the London Games he helped his home city win.

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Sprinter Cavendish rules Tour de France 2nd stage

TOURNAI, Belgium—In Tour de France sprints, Mark Cavendish is in class of his own.

The British speed specialist showed what he can do Monday without any assistance from his lead teammates, flying past German rival Andre Greipel in the last few meters to nail a tight sprint and win Stage 2 in Belgium.

It was the 23rd Tour stage victory for a man with ambitions of winning gold at the London Olympics.

A rising sprint star at home, he has been consigned to a backseat role because his new team is focusing on Bradley Wiggins' hopes of becoming the first British to win the Tour. Cavendish has been all but forced to like it.

"It was always going to be difficult to win stages—if anything it stands out kind of more colored," Cavendish said.

The top standings didn't change after hundred finish in the 207.5-kilometer (129-mile) course from Vire to Tournai—the race's last stay in Belgium before heading to France.

Wiggins, a three-time Olympic champion, is second—seven seconds behind leader Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland, who retained the yellow jersey for a third day after setting it in Saturday's opening prologue.

Defending champion Cadel Evans is eighth, 27 seconds behind Cancellara. AP

MARK Cavendish (middle) jumps a lot after crossing the finish line. AFP

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Palace chides mayors who called off classes late

'They should act not later than 4:30 a.m.'

By Norman Bordadios

MALACAÑANG on Tuesday took Metro Manila mayors to task for not suspending classes early enough in areas affected by flash floods and heavy rain, reminding them of President Aquino's order requiring local governments to make the announcements not later than 4:30 a.m.

"We are giving them a little bit more time to cope with the new system and we hope that this will be the last time," said Undersecretary Abigail Valte, the deputy presidential spokesperson.

The "new system" has actually been in place since January, when President Aquino issued Executive Order No. 66. It gives local officials the prerogative to suspend classes in the absence of typhoon signal warnings from the weather bureau.

"We'd like to remind city and municipal mayors that under the EO2 ... the suspension must be announced at 4:30 a.m. to prevent the children and the parents who'd take them to school from leaving their homes," Valte said in a news briefing.

Valte cited the complaints aired by parents on TV, radio and the social media over the delayed announcements canceling classes amid continuous rains starting Monday night to Tuesday morning in Metro Manila.

The bureau maintained that the city of Manila, for example, suspended classes in around 5 a.m., while Quezon City made the announcement at 10 a.m. Makati City called it at around 6 a.m., while Pasay followed suit at around 10 a.m.

Around this time, work was also ordered suspended in various government offices, including the Senate, the Office of the Ombudsman and the local courts.

"There were a lot of complaints from citizens when we were listening to the radio and watching TV and (monitoring) social networking sites. They were waiting for the declaration. That was past 6:30 a.m., if I am not mistaken," Valte said.

Under Re 100, the announcement should be made not later than 4:30 a.m. for the suspension of morning classes and not later than 11 a.m. for afternoon classes.

The order also directs the weather bureau to issue the relevant forecasts not later than 11 p.m. of the previous day and 4:30 a.m. on the day of the intended suspension of classes and work.

The bureau should also issue the forecast not later than 11 a.m. of the same day if the suspension of classes and work would be taking effect in the afternoon, the order said.

The weather bureau attributed Tuesday's downpour to a low pressure area (LPA) monitored off Batangas province. The LPA, brought moderate to heavy rain across Southern and Central Luzon, including Metro Manila, starting Monday night.

"To elucidate on your side, that's why it affected a large area. It's a mini storm, without the winds," forecaster Joel Lee said in an interview.

The LPA was forecast to cross the capital yesterday while heading toward the West Philippine Sea. It will continue to bring moderate to heavy rain over Central and Southern Luzon, including Metro Manila, and over Palawan Visayas, but the rain will be isolated. By Thursday, it would have "improving weather," Lee said.

Pasay was close to spilling level at 6pm (6am in Montgomery, Alabama, seat of La Mesa Dam in Quezon City.

La Mesa Dam employed under red alert as the water line reached 79.66 meters as of 5 p.m., according

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People making money from pedestrians, motorists by blocking street drains, says MMDA

By Mike Navales

PEOPLE who wanted to take advantage of desperate motorists and pedestrians were deliberately clogging the drains of some streets in the metropolis, according to the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA).

In a radio interview yesterday, MMDA Chair Francis Tolentino said

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'They didn't listen': Wall collapse kills 2

By Kristine Felisse Marcelo

TWO PEOPLE, including a 9-year-old boy, died when a 12-meter-high wall collapsed on a shanty amid heavy rains on Tuesday in a Valenzuela City property that had been declared a danger zone as early as 2010.

Two more minors were injured when the rain-soaked ground eroded and made the adobe wall crashing on the residents' house on the boundary of Barangay Ugong and Gen. T. De Leon at around 10 a.m.

Children Services, 9, died before reaching the hospital, while Rudel Pagoy, identified by his father Mr. Jay, was presumed dead by authorities even though his body was yet to be recovered from the rubble at press time.

Over-nine-old Rhiren Pagoy and sibling Rudel, suffered severe bruises.

Rebie Victoriano of the city engineering office said her office had warned the 15 families living in the area about the danger of building their homes right beside the wall.

"But even if we know [our people are] There they didn't listen. They continued to build their houses there," Victoriano told the Inquirer.

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Hostage-taker's bad acting fails to impress cops

By Kristine Felisse Marguroy

IT TOOK two-and-a-half hours after the hostage-taking situation, it seemed, for a 31-year-old construction worker who tried to win his former girlfriend back by threatening her with a 20-inch bolo wood chop.

When members of the Pasig City police who responded to a concerned citizen's tip about an ongoing hostage taking inside a house nestled in the slums around midnight, Ortuza tried to throw them off his scent by pretending to be asleep.

He was not fooled for long, however, if not for the fact that Jimbi Salcedo, a neighbor who had known him since he had lived in the area for most of his life, was also present.

Insp. Alfredo Cabanas Jr., Pasig police chief, told the hostage-taker, a known Dimta user evading arrest for charges of grave threats and illegal possession of a bladed weapon since being prepared against Ortuza who failed to open the door when police called on his cell phone.

According to Cabanas Jr., they received information around midnight yesterday that a man was holding his former girlfriend hostage because she had refused to reconcile with him.

But when policemen got to the scene of the hostage-taking—a room Dimta was renting inside a house on Chen Street in Barangay Sta. Rosa—the door remained locked despite repeated knocks.

As a result, members of the Special Weapons and Tactics team were forced to break it down to get inside the room.

"He (Ortuza) was lying on the bed, his eyes closed. But the weapon was right beside him so that, of course didn't work," Cabanas said.

His ex-girlfriend, who worked as a maid for the owners of the house, later told investigators that around 10 p.m., Ortuza suddenly barged into her room and threatened to hurt her if she did not get back with him.

The two broke up in 2010 it has Ortuza did not give up the room for one evening.

She said he only stopped threatening her when he saw the police team through an open window in the door, he went back to his room and pretended to be asleep.

3 robbers in PNP, AFP camps arrested

By Nancy C. Carvajal

THREE men believed to be behind a string of robberies inside the headquarters of the Philippine National Police (PNP) and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) in Quezon City have been arrested although authorities said they were still looking for the fourth member of the group.

Supt. Ramon Pranada, head of the Cubao police station, identified those arrested as Jimmi Garcia, 34; Jerry Molina, 28; and his brother Daniel, 19.

Still at large is their cohort identified only as Joseph or JP.

Pranada said the group staged at least 12 robberies in Camp Crame—the headquarters of the PNP—and Aguinaldo, the AFP headquarters.

On top of those, they also operated on wet markets in Quezon City.

The three were arrested based on information provided by some of their victims and other witnesses, he added.

According to Pranada, the group was the one which broke into the quarters of Col. Nelson Cheduton in Camp Aguinaldo last month.

They made off with two cell phones and the military officer's Makalo car which was parked in front of his quarters. The vehicle was later recovered in a ditch, Bulacan province.

In Camp Crame, the group was believed to be responsible for the theft of a laptop owned by Supt. Dennis Agustin Pala to which he had connected a transistor and battery which belonged to PO3 Gerimar Lambingo.

Pranada said that the robbery suspects were arrested at the Murphy market in Cubao, Quezon City, on June 27 after a witness identified Garcia as the Jerry Molina had threatened to harm him after he accused Molina and his brother, Daniel, of being robbers.

During questioning, the brothers admitted that they were also involved in the raids at the PNP and AFP headquarters.

They also identified their co-hero, leading to the arrest of Garcia at the same market on June 28.

Pranada said that they were preparing to file charges against the three men.

CRYING IN THE RAIN Blame the authorities who on Tuesday announced the suspension of three-and-a-half school students had already gone to school, like this poor boy who can't get a ride home and lives in need of a guardian on Bataan Road, Quezon City. NINO CHAVEZ

Critics who hit Willie on boy 'macho dancer' cleared of libel

By Julie M. Aurelio

THE QUEZON City prosecutors' office has dismissed the child abuse and libel complaints against a psychologist and two bloggers who criticized TV celebrity Willie Revillame last year for letting a scary-eyed, 6-year-old boy dance like a macho dancer on the game show.

Assistant City Prosecutor Armando Oliver Almario ordered the complaints against Dr. Loretta Cuteneding, Evelina Dante and Judes Silva for insufficiency of evidence.

Almario said the comments made by the three respondents were directed at Revillame host of the then TV5 show "Willing Willie," and not at the boy's parents who filed the complaints.

"In fact, the statements made ... dramatized the alleged abuse committed. They were also aimed at preventing the occurrence of the same incident in the future," Almario noted.

Revillame first publicly appeared in March 2011 after the TV host, during one segment, predicted the boy to be the "body-wave," a scary dance moves, even with the child already breaking a sweat.

A video clip of the performance quickly spread on the Internet.

Cuteneding, a child psychologist and the mother of lawmaker Rodolfo Cuteneding, were the Movie and Television Review and Classification Board to oppose her "professional assessment" of the incident, its effects on children's development, its effects on child abuse watching the program.

Silva also criticized the incident on his Facebook page, while Dante created a Facebook account and sent emails to various government agencies, asking Revillame to task.

In their complaints, the boy's parents claimed that their son cried during the program because he got afraid of one of the show's cohosts, Bonel Balingit.

The parents also argued that the criticisms made by the three respondents were tantamount to an imputation of vice or defect on them, hurting the boy's parents.

As a result of the respondents' actions, their child ... who came out "happy" right after his appearance on the game show—became more shy and withdrawn, they said.

The complainants also noted that Dante uploaded an "inflated" video of the segment to make it appear as though their son was being forced to dance.

In her defense, Cuteneding said her letter to the MTRCB conveyed a fair comment on matters of public interest and therefore cannot send privileged communication and protected under libel laws.

She also noted that the letter did not name the boy or his parents, thus lacking the elements of identification under libel laws.

Cruz pointed out that libel through the Internet is not punishable under existing laws, contending that he acted with good intentions and justifiable motives. He added that there was nothing on the Facebook page he created that maligned the boy or his parents.

For his part, Silva said the Facebook posts and the letters he wrote could not be considered malicious as these were made out of a civic and moral duty to protect the rights of a child.

In his resolution, Almario said the complainants failed to establish that the respondents have a grudge against them, or that there was ill-will or ill feeling ... or that the respondents had the intention to injure their reputations."

As to the allegations of child abuse, the fiscal said the parties failed to show proof that the respondents were liable under the Republic Act 7610 or the Anti-Child Abuse Law.

"Allegation is not tantamount to proof. It is a basic rule in evidence that the burden of proof lies with the party who makes the allegations," Almario added.

Lawyer Kerry Roque, whose law firm Constellar promotes free expression, welcomed the dismissal of the complaints.

"A giant win for freedom of expression. It protects the integrity of the Internet as a key infrastructure for free exchange of ideas," he said.

Lowey United Bloggers, Lowey's counterpart, said the case sets out definitions of libel, the offense cannot be committed through the Internet.

"Free expression on matters relating to public issues, such as child exploitation, is protected both under international law and constitutional law," Baguioro said in an interview.

Manulife Philippines' Smart Minds helps stave off rising tuition fees

Any good parent knows that a good education will help their children get the best possible headstart in life.

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MetroBriefs

Fetal stench leads to discovery of 2 bodies

TWO MEN who lived by themselves in Manila were found days after they were believed to have passed away. In both cases, an overpowering stench led to the discovery of the bodies who which had already started to decompose. One of the men was identified as Jaime Cortez, 38, who worked for Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. His body was found on Monday afternoon in his unit at the ADB Row in Ugong Tondo condominiums on Pablo Ocampo. He was last seen on Friday after he got home and went up to his unit. PO3 Marlon Layugan of the Manila Police District homicide section said the body was discovered by security officer Gerardo de la Cruz who used his master key upon noticing that the victim's unit. When he turned the door open, he found Cortez lying on his bed in his underwear. The police said that judging by Cortez's appearance, he had been dead for at least four days. Cortez's father told the police that his son was hospitalized for chest pains last year and had since been placed on medication by his physician. Meanwhile, the owner of a house in Malate, Manila, found the body of one of her tenants, a 45-year-old massage therapist, after she noticed water seeping from the ceiling around 10 a.m. yesterday. Marissa Rondaveliz told police that she went to the victim's room after she had used a search she found that it was coming from Noel Mateo's room. "From the door, she detected a stench from inside the room and used her duplicate key to open the door," said PO3 Rosalito Lopez of the Manila Police District homicide section. Inside, she found Mateo's bloated body, a discovery which led her to call the police. According to Rondaveliz, Mateo was last seen on Saturday night after the same owner following a drinking spree with his friends. Via Dalisa Lincoln, lawyer handling the victims' estate, said the family is now in the process of transferring the remains to Cagayan de Oro City. Lincoln said that anything that the victim has left in his apartment unit, adding that he would like people living in the building to know that the smell will clear up before the discovery of the body. Mateo's body was brought to a funeral parlor in Malate for autopsy. — Jeannette I. Andrade

QC urges artists to apply for accreditation

THE QUEZON City government has urged artists to apply for accreditation and become part of its pioneer group that will mark the city's first culture and arts development plan. "This way, the city government can offer its support to hundreds of artists for the benefit of the community," said Dyan Martinez of the Office of Vice Mayor Joy Belmonte. The center, comprising musicians, theater actors and visual artists, will form part of the Quezon City Culture and Arts Council which will be under Belmonte's office. Belmonte said the accreditation was aimed at building a network of artists to boost their talents and valuably to produce works of art and other artistic creations, part of the city government's efforts to make Quezon City the center of arts and culture in Metro Manila. Those who want to apply can go to Belmonte's office at Quezon City Hall or call at 441-6757 local 8206 for more information. — Julie M. Aurelio

DID YOU KNOW

THE NATIONAL Center for Mental Health in Mandaluyong City served at most 58,000 outpatients in 2011. The center also had a daily average of 2,034 in-patients in the same year. — Britain Dinolalo, Inquirer Research

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that based on an initial report submitted by the agency's fiscal monitoring office, large money had been placed on top of the drums, resulting in flooding in some areas.

He added that some people were taking advantage of the situation in some areas, including charging motorists whose vehicles had stalled in the middle of floodwaters.

Some pedicab drivers, on the other hand, were making money by offering rides at exorbitant rates to motorists who wanted to avoid getting their tires wet.

Then there were also those who would charge pedestrians a fee for the use of makeshift bridges they laid out on top some flooded portions of a street.

"We have deployed our people to take out those obstructions," Tolentino said as he warned that he had also ordered his men to go after the perpetrators.

Some of the areas where blocked street drains were repaired yesterday included Quirino Avenue and portions of Espana Boulevard and Sampaloc, all in Manila.

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ings in Manila Water Co., Inc.

La Mesa is a spill dam where water starts to overflow when it hits 80.15 meters.

The marina water flows into Tullahan River, which in turn flows through the northern part of Quezon City, including the Interwave area, as well as the cities of Malabon, Valenzuela, and Caloocan, before draining into Manila Bay. With reports from PJ Burgonio, Jayrose Gomez, Julie Aurelio, Elmer T. Ubalde and the

A WALL painting by artist Josef Kriendlmoir at the European Centre for Nuclear Research outside Geneva, Switzerland, shows how a Higgs boson, the elusive subatomic particle, may look. AP

Storms cut power in US East Coast; death toll rises to 22

WASHINGTON—Nearly 1.6 million people in the eastern US faced a third sweltering day without power on Monday as the death toll from weekend summer storms rose to 22, and utility officials said power likely would not return for several days.

Stifling homes and spoiled food were some of the challenges as temperatures approached or exceeded 30 degrees Celsius. Concerns rose about the sick and elderly who are especially vulnerable without air conditioning in the sweltering heat. Many sought refuge in cooling centers or basements.

Officials feared the death toll could climb because of the heat and widespread use of generators, which emit fumes that can be dangerous in enclosed spaces.

Friday's storm arrived with little warning and knocked out power to three million homes and businesses, so utility companies have had to work days for some crews responding from as far away as Quebec and Oklahoma. And the toppled trees and power lines often entangled broken equipment in debris that must be removed before workers can even get started.

Most of the weekend deaths came from trees falling on houses and cars. At least 16 of the dead were killed in Virginia, including a 98-year-old woman asleep in her bed when a tree slammed into her home.

The power outages had prompted concerns of traffic problems, but federal and state officials in Washington, DC, and Maryland gave many workers the option of staying home on Monday.

Hundreds of traffic signals were still not working, and dozens of secondary roads were closed.

In Washington, officials set up collection sites for people to drop off melting food. Others had weekend residents in an area without power to use their food while it lasted. And in New Virginia, National Guard troops handed out food and water and made door-to-door checks.

In Great Falls, Virginia, just outside Washington, a Safeway supermarket opening as soon as open with a limited power supply handed out free bags of dry ice, that allow cars days of temperatures to the 20s degrees Celsius, the air inside was cool. Shopping carts with spoiled food, bursting with flies, are outside the store.

At the Springvale Terrace nursing home and senior center in Silver Spring, Maryland, generators were brought in to provide electricity and air-conditioning while vans pulled in minibuses to large common rooms to offer respite from the heat and darkness. AP

US atom-smasher hints at finding God particle

CHICAGO—US-based physicists reported on Monday finding strong hints of the Higgs boson, the elusive "God particle" believed to give objects mass, but said European data is needed to confirm any potential discovery.

If physicists can confirm the existence of the Higgs boson, the last missing piece in the standard model of physics, the announcement would rank among the most important scientific breakthroughs of the last century.

The final findings from Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory (Fermilab) in the midwestern US state of Illinois will be followed by the announcement of more definitive results from a parallel European atom-smasher on Wednesday.

"Our data strongly point toward the existence of the Higgs boson, but it will take results from the experiments at the Large Hadron Collider in Europe to establish a discovery," said Fermilab spokesperson Bob Stone.

The results come from 14 years of data from the Tevatron, a powerful atom-smasher that began its collider work in 1985 and closed down last year.

"Storing its life, the Tevatron must have produced thousands of Higgs particles...if they actually exist, and it's given us a key to find them in the data we have collected," said Luciano Ristori, a physicist at Fermilab and Italy's National Institute for Nuclear Physics, or INFN.

"We have developed sophisticated simulations and analyses programs to identify Higgs-like events. Still, it is easier to look for a friend's face in a sports stadium filled with 100,000 people (but) to search for a Higgs-like event among trillions of collisions."

The Higgs boson, named after Scottish physicist Peter Higgs, was first described in the 1960s and has been nicknamed "God particle" by physicists.

"The Higgs boson is special," Scottish theoretical physicist Joe Lykken told reporters, adding that the rough-to-find elementary particle "gets an object its mass when it's in the first place."

Lykken said it was he thought of almost like an energy field that gives mass to objects. But it always almost inconsistently into other particles.

Furthermore, just one in a million collisions in an atom-smasher experiment will produce a Higgs boson.

"This is much worse than a needle in a haystack," Lykken said, adding that he and many other physicists are eagerly anticipating the European results. AFP

Pope fires Slovak bishop

VATICAN CITY—Pope Benedict XVI fired a 52-year-old Slovak bishop for apparently mismanaging his diocese in a rare show of papal power over bishops that could have implications for US sex-abuse cases.

Usually when bishops run into trouble—either for alleged moral failings or management problems—they are persuaded by the Vatican to resign. But Benedict has become increasingly willing to forcibly remove bishops who refuse to step down, sending them silence in the past year alone.

In the most notable case to date, Benedict fired Bishop William Morris of Toowoomba, Australia, last year after he called for the Church to consider ordaining women and married men. He also removed a Congolese bishop for management problems in his diocese and an Italian one in May for similar reasons.

On Monday, the Vatican said Benedict had "relieved from pastoral care" Bishop Robert Bezak of Trnava, Slovakia. No reason was given, but Italian news reports suggested administrative problems were to blame.

Bishops normally resign when they reach the retirement age of 75.

The exercise of the Pope's ability to fire a bishop has important implications, particularly concerning bishops who mishandle pedophile priests.

In the face of US lawsuits seeking to hold the Pope and the nearly responsible for abusive priests, the Holy See has argued that bishops are largely masters of their dioceses and thus the Pope doesn't really control them. The Vatican has thus sought to limit its own liability, arguing that the Pope doesn't exercise sufficient control over the bishops to be held responsible for their bungled response to priests who rape children. AP

WORLDBRIEFS

Car bomb kills 25 in Iraq

BAGHDAD—A car bomb in a busy market in the southern Iraqi city of Diwaniya killed at least 25 people and wounded 40 others on Tuesday, a provincial council official said. Car bar in the day, two roadside bombs targeting Shiite pilgrims killed four people and wounded 21 near the central Iraqi city of Karbala, hospital and police sources said. Reuters

Libya frees detained ICC staff

TRIPOLI—Libya freed four officials from the International Criminal Court (ICC) on Monday, whose detention since early June on spying allegations had plunged the Western government into its biggest diplomatic controversy since last year's revolution. Australian lawyer Melinda Taylor and Lithuanian-born interpreter Helena Kosmatkova held in the town of Zintan and accused of smuggling documents and hidden recording devices to Moammar Gadhafi's captured son Saif al-Islam. Two Libya ICC staff who were travelling with Taylor and Kosmatkova were released on bail. The four were freed on Monday after an apology from the ICC, whose president, Sang-Hyun Song, traveled to Zintan for the release after weeks of pressure from the Libyan-based court, the UN Security Council, Italy and the Australian government. Reuters

Mexico's leftists question presidential vote

MEXICO CITY—Presidential polls on Mexico's presidential vote had projected that leftist presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador would lose by a double-digit margin. But with 90 percent of the vote tallied in the preliminary count, Lopez Obrador of the Democratic Revolution Party trails by just six percentage points behind the election's apparent winner, Enrique Pena Nieto of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI. The narrower-than-expected margin is fueling suspicion among Lopez Obrador's followers about the fairness of the vote, and his refusal likewise might to concede defeat—just as he did when he lost a razor-thin razor the 2006 presidential race and set off months of political unrest. Although this time, he has not called his followers into the streets to protest. AP

Iran test-fires ballistic missile

TEHRAN—Iran on Tuesday test-fired a its second domestically made missile capable of striking Israel as part of four games designed to show its ability to retaliate if attacked, media said. Iran's Revolutionary Guard fired the medium-range Shahab-3 missile at a mock target in the Iranian Desert on the second day of its Great Prophet 7 exercise, which is due to end on Wednesday, Iran's oil-rich television network reported. The Shahab-3 has a range of up to 2,000 kilometers, which means it is theoretically able to hit Israel, which is over 1,000 km away. Al-Alam said the missile also is range missiles, the Shahab-1 and Shahab-2, with ranges of 300 to 500 km, were also launched. AFP

Islamists smash Timbuktu relics

GAO—Islamist rebels smashed the entrance of a 15th-century Timbuktu mosque on Monday, while their al-Qaida allies in northern Mali rid off the key city of Gao by planting landmines all around it. In Timbuktu, the al-Qaida-allied Islamist group Ansar Dine (Defenders of Faith) months and their destruction of the city's cultural treasures, defying a chorus of international condemnation. Some residents ordered on the Islamists broke down what they call the "secret shrine" of one of Timbuktu's three ancient mosques. Still things—protective centuries due to local beliefs that to open it will bring misfortune. Sidi Yahya is one of Timbuktu's three great mosques and was built around 1400, dating back to the city's golden age as a desert crossroads and center for learning. AFP

Bird flu outbreak in China

BEIJING—Authorities in China's remote northwestern region of Xinjiang have culled more than 150,000 chickens following an outbreak of bird flu, officials said. The outbreak of the H5N1 strain of avian flu initially killed 1,600 chickens and sickened about 5,000. The agriculture ministry said late Monday. AFP

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US boosts forces in Persian Gulf

WASHINGTON—The United States has quietly moved significant military reinforcements into the Persian Gulf to deter the Iranian military from any possible attempt to shut the Strait of Hormuz and to increase the number of fighter jets capable of striking deep into Iran if the standoff over its nuclear program escalates.

The deployments are part of a long-planned effort to bolster the American military presence in the gulf region, in part to reassure Israel that is dealing with Iran, as one senior administration official put it last week. "While the president says there are other options on the table for...[and negotiations], he means it."

But as a measure that the United States and its allies can beginning to enforce a much far-reaching embargo on Iran's oil exports, meant to force the country to make seriously the negotiations over sharply limiting its nuclear program, the buildup carries significant risks, including that Iran's powerful Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps could decide to lash out first, as one senior administration official put it last week. "What's the president says there are other options on the table for...[and negotiations], he means it."

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Assad regrets shooting down jet

ANKARA—Syrian President Bashar al-Assad says he regrets the shooting down of a Turkish jet by his forces, and he will not allow tensions between the two neighbors to turn into an "armed conflict," a Turkish newspaper reported on Tuesday.

Syria downed the RF-4E reconnaissance June 22, after, Syria says, it flew very low inside its airspace. Turkey says the jet was hit in international airspace after it briefly entered Syria.

Assad offered an apology for the downing of the plane during an interview with Cumhuriyet in Damascus on Sunday, insisting that it was shot down over Syria, and his forces acted in self-defense.

He said that the plane was flying in a corridor inside Syrian airspace that had been used by Israeli planes in 2007, when they bombed a building under construction in northern Syria.

The US nuclear agency has said that the building was a target of Israeli nuclear arsenal to produce plutonium, which can be used to create nuclear warheads.

"The plane was using the same corridor used by Israeli planes three times in the past," Assad told Cumhuriyet. "Infants that it drove since we did not see it on our radars and we were not informed about it."

Assad said, "I say 100 percent, I wish we did not shoot it down."

Today's newspaper by Stephen Kinzer, a former New York Times bureau chief in Istanbul and has written books on Iran and Syria, said Assad's comments were appreciated by Syrian helicopters. A search for the wreckage of the plane and its two missing pilots is still under way in Syrian waters. AP

PAMPANGA II ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.
San Roque, Guagua, Pampanga

INVITATION TO BID
(2012-05)

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Interested parties are required to submit the following documents of qualification requirements: certified true copy of (1) Company Profile; (2) Registration from BIR; (3) and SEC; (4) Mayor's Permit; (5) updated/valid Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) certificate of Registration; Authorization to submit a bid; refundable fee of Php 1,000.00. Original copies of the bid documents should be submitted by prospective bidders.

Bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond either in cash, manager's or cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit and a bid bond (BB) in the form provided.

Submission of qualification requirements – July 6-17, 2012
Date and time of Bidding – July 18, 2012 at 1:30 PM (Opening Meeting)
Venue – Pampanga Electric Cooperative II Conference Room

All documents may be obtained from the Secretariat of the committee upon payment of a non-refundable fee (to be finalized) with official receipt (OR) (amount) (OR) (2012).

Bidding documents are available starting June 6, 2012.

The PECO II Management reserves the right to reject any or all bids, waive any of the requisites in or formalities in connection with such bids and accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the cooperative.

(Sgd.) JOHN TERRY B. CASANOVA
PEMC Chairman
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(Sgd.) ARMANDO T. HERNANDEZ
General Manager

(PEC) – June 30 & 31, 2012

BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO BID

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites eligible suppliers for bidding and award of the following project:

Name of Project and Brief Description	One (1) lot of spare, delivery, installation and commissioning of Automatic Paper Feed Modules (APFM) for Bulk Currency Processing Equipment (BCPE) (with Identical Equipment and BSP technical specifications)
Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)	(To be provided)
Delivery to Port of Loading	Twenty-four (24) weeks from opening of Letter of Credit

Bidders should have completed a similar project (specified and comparable in nature) to the project being bid during the last three (3) years as stated in the ABC. The Bangko Sentral Governing Board may reserve the right to reject any and all bids, waive any formality therein, or accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the Government of the Philippines.

For particular bidding to Eligible Philippine and Foreign Bid Security, Performance Security, Proceeding Confidentiality, Evaluation of Bids, Post-qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is stated as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	Starting 04 June 2012 From 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 NN and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. only Procurement Office Room 312, 3rd Floor, Multi-Purpose Building A. Mabini corner F. Calderon St. Ermita, Manila, Metro Manila Tel. No. 708-7701
2. Pre-bid Conference	15 July 2012, 9:00 A.M., MPBB
3. Opening of Bids	25 July 2012, 2:00 P.M., MPBB
4. Bid Evaluation	Three days to be determined after the prescribed period allowed in the invitation (RR 9184, Sec. 29.1)
5. Post-qualification	
6. Notice of Award	

The P 50 per standard set of Requirements for Bidders may be downloaded from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the BSP website (www.bsp.gov.ph). The complete set of the Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Eligible Bidders for the amount stated above upon presentation at the PROCPO Supplier's Center Desk and payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of P 50 per set.

Only bidders who have purchased the bidding documents shall be allowed to take part in the bidding process and participate in the pre-bid conference.

The BSP reserves the right to reject any bid or to annul the bidding process, and reject all bids at any time prior to the contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

For further information, please refer to:

(Sgd.) ANTONIO A. GRANADA
Acting Chairman

(PEC) – July 04, 2012

Former IMF head, wife suing mag over report

PARIS—Former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn and his wife Anne Sinclair said they would sue French celebrity magazine Closer for invading their privacy with a story claiming they had separated.

"Having taken note of the errors and rumors of celebrity magazine Closer, Dominique Strauss-Kahn and Anne Sinclair have decided to sue this publication for invasion of privacy," their lawyers said in a joint statement.

They neither confirmed nor denied the report.

Sinclair, a 63-year-old journalist, was hired by Strauss-Kahn throughout a series of sex scandals that saw him resign from the International Monetary Fund and dashed his hopes of making a bid for the French presidency.

Strauss-Kahn's career collapsed after his arrest last year on accusations he sexually assaulted a New York hotel maid.

The charges were eventually dropped but Strauss-Kahn, 62, has since faced a series of crime and civil actions in connection with his alleged sex antics.

The hotel maid, Nafissatou Diallo, has launched a civil suit against Strauss-Kahn in New York seeking unspecified damages, while he has in turn filed a countersuit for malicious prosecution and defamation. AFP

FILE PHOTO: Commandos to contain the Bangle fire out of Cedar City, Utah, on July 1. Evacuations were ordered for 500 more wildfire-threatened about 100 cabin-inside Dixie National Forest. AP

Suu Kyi wants more prisoners freed

RANGOON—Rock Icons has let anywhere tour of Europe, opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi stopped to call on the Tuesday for the release of hundreds of political prisoners still behind bars.

Suu Kyi's comments came in response to a state newspaper's report that President Thein Sein has grouped amnesty to 46 prisoners who were supposed to be freed from prisons later Tuesday.

More than 20 of those receiving amnesty are prisoners of conscience, said Bo Kyi, a prominent former political prisoners. Among them are former student activist Min Aung, who was serving a 59-year sentence for distributing pamphlets and writing over in a protest during a 1988 pro-democracy uprising.

"We are very happy that we follow political prisoners are being released," Bo Kyi Kyi said. The Associated Press. "However, we will continue to work for the release of all political prisoners."

Human Rights Watch says at least 559 political prisoners, many of them well-known, have been released over the past year as part of Burma's Thiha Thein's sweeping series of releases.

For President Obama, the combination of negotiations, new sanctions aimed at Iran's oil revenues and increased military pressure is the latest—and perhaps the most risky—test of what the White House calls a "two-track" policy against Iran. In the midst of a presidential election campaign in which his opponent, Mitt Romney, has accused him of being "weak" in dealing with the Iranian nuclear issue, Obama seeks to project confidence and steadfastness in the region.

At the same time he must signal support for Israel, but not so much support that the Israelis see the buildup as an opportunity to strike the Iranian nuclear facilities, which Obama's team believes could set off a war without significantly setting back the Iranian program. New York Times News Service

US presidential race close as ever

WASHINGTON—Polls suggest President Barack Obama holds only a small, perhaps increasingly, lead over Republican Mitt Romney in the race for the White House as he awaits a new jobs report on Friday.

With unemployment remaining high, Romney and Obama are running neck and neck with no sign that either can break away in the key battleground states that will help decide the winner.

Both candidates are taking a break this week, which includes the Fourth of July holiday, with Romney at his lakeside compound in New Hampshire and Obama at the Camp David presidential retreat in Maryland.

"When it's a two- or three-point race, that's not good for an incumbent president," said Republican strategist Rich Galen, who is not affiliated with Romney's campaign. "Obama's political future is really dependent on Angela Merkel holding the eurozone together," he said, referring to the German chancellor and Europe's financial woes, which could further hurt the US economy.

An eventful January began badly for Obama. But job creation numbers followed soon that Romney's campaign was raising more money than his. Things got worse when Obama told reporters, "The private sector is doing fine," a line now featured in countless Republican attack ads. Obama now is trying to reconnect the private sector, which has seen steady but modest job growth, with the public sector, where budget cuts have led to layoffs of teachers, police officers and other government employees.

The most-cited barometer for the economy's president. The Supreme Court struck down much of Arizona's strict anti-illegal immigration law, which his administration had opposed. Then the justices upheld Obama's signature healthcare overhaul last week.

"Let's think now is a reminder to the American people of who the president is fighting for," said Obama spokesperson Jen Psaki. AP

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BUSINESS

PH stocks hit all-time high

New wave of foreign funds flowing into local bourse

By Dorris C. Dumlao

THE LOCAL stock index surged to a new record high of 5,380.79 yesterday, outperforming all other Asian markets as investors bet on favorable local economic and corporate fundamentals alongside further monetary easing moves on the globe.

The Philippine Stock Exchange index recorded a key milestone at 5,380 and gained 65.46 points or 1.23 percent. Before closing at a new record finish of 5,368.93, the local stock index hit an all-time intra-day peak of 5,374.05.

Regional markets also ended higher on hopes that the weak US and European factory output would prompt further monetary easing among central banks, thus driving yield-seeking investors into equities.

"The Philippines was the best performing market in the region and by the way the price is appreciating, it seems the strong gain [yesterday] is part of new wave of foreign funds that are flowing into local equities," said Jose Mari Lanuza, head of research at local stock brokerage Campos Lanuza & Co.

The peso closed on Tuesday at 41.71 to a dollar, appreciating sharply from Monday's 42.01 $:$1.

"Optimism over the outcome of the EU (European Union) Summit continues to spill over despite the weakness in global manufacturing data. It seems that the market is pricing in the possibility of a global reflation by central banks," said Mark Angeles of First Metro Securities.

STORIES BELOW

Peso gained 4.33% vs dollar in first 6 mos

By Michelle V Rivera

THE PESO appreciated the most against the dollar in the first half compared with other key currencies in the region in what the central bank credited to the Philippines favorable economic performance.

Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas said this development reflected how local currencies favored peso-denominated assets even as prospects for the global economy remained uncertain.

Documents from the BSP showed that the peso appreciated by 4.33 percent against the greenback since the start of the year to July 2, the strongest movement during the period among a basket of major currencies in Asia and the Pacific.

"The peso appreciation has affected the positive development in the Philippine economy, particularly the improved fiscal position [of the national government] as well as the external liquidity of the country," Tetangco said.

In the same period, the Malaysian ringgit

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Yield of 5-year T-bonds at 4.625%

By Reuben W. Dionisio

THE RATE on five-year treasury bonds was locally changed during yesterday's auction at 4.625 percent, up 1.5 basis points from 4.61 percent set in the most recent auction of the year.

Yesterday's average was also lower than the corresponding 4.725 percent for done deals in the secondary market.

Bankard Treasurer Ruben S. Tan said in an interview that the results reflected the very liquid condition of the local financial market. The market's mood was also riding on "positive news about the government's financial position, with the budget deficit being very below the program," Tan said.

"The economic fundamentals are also good, with inflation in May being just about the same as the previous month's and, based on the trend, it looks like rate increase inflation will be restrained," he added.

Last week, the Bureau of the Treasury reported that the budget deficit for the first five months of the year reached P82.79 billion, which was just about a fifth of the P309.34 billion that the government intended to spend on top of estimated budget for the first semester.

The National Statistics Office also said the growth in consumer prices in May settled at 2.9 percent year-on-year, bringing the average for January-May to 3 percent.

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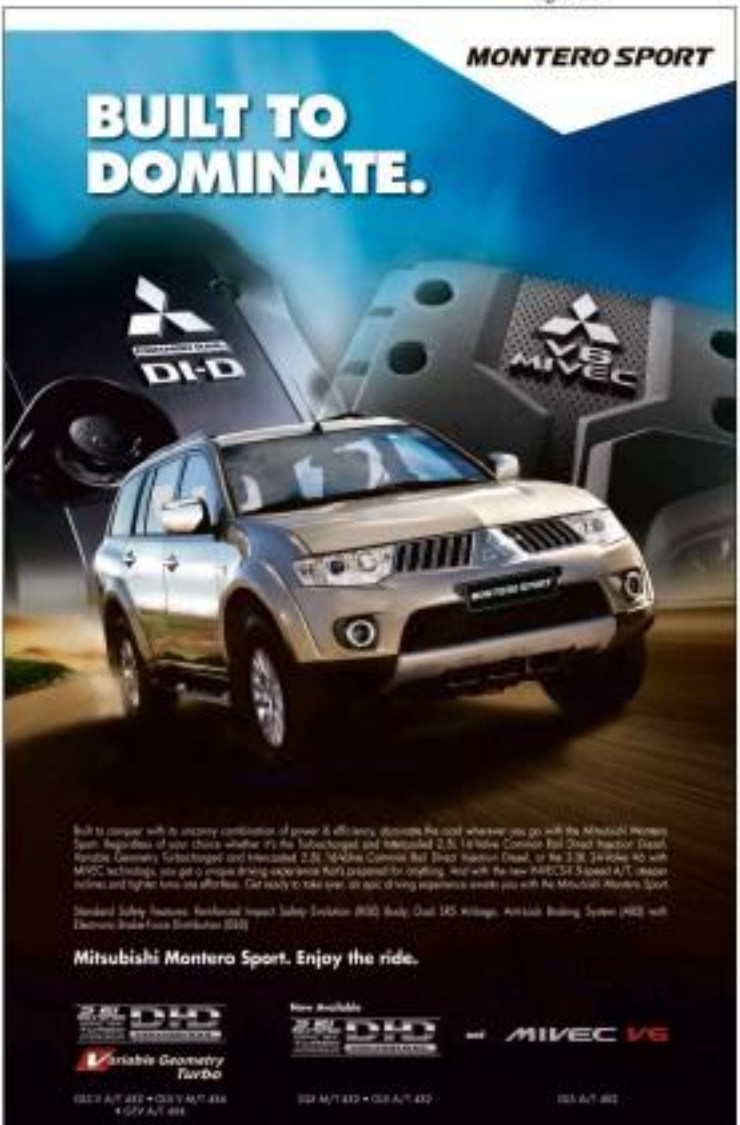

In Q1, foreign investment pledges declined 16.3%

Manufacturing still the top recipient of FDIs

By Ana G. Roa

TOTAL foreign direct investments (FDI) approved by the agencies declined by 16. 3 percent in the first quarter of 2012 from year-ago level, data released by the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) showed.

According to NSCB, the five investment promotion agencies—Board of Investments, Clark Development Corp., Philippine Economic Zone Authority, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority and the Authority of the Freeport Area of Bataan—received P119.4 billion in FDI commitments in the first three months of the year, down from P122 billion in the same period last year.

Japan was the top investing country in the first quarter with a 26.6 percent share of the total commitments of P4. 9 billion.

The Netherlands and the United States occupied the 12.6 percent or P2.33 billion and 11.3 percent or P2. 1 billion, respectively.

Manufacturing remained the top recipient of FDIs with P42 billion, followed by real estate, services and support sectors at P2.4 billion.

Approved foreign and Filipino investments fell by about 73 percent to P43.9 billion in the first quarter of 2012 from P162 billion in the same period last year.

Pledges from Filipino nationals were valued at P32.33 billion or 58 percent of the total investments committed in the first quarter.

The NSCB said that foreign and Filipino ventures approved by the agencies were expected to generate 34,889 jobs, down 17.2 percent from 41,290 jobs in the same period last year.

Out of those expected jobs, 93.4 percent or 32,592 jobs would come from projects with foreign interests.

Alliance Select buying 80% of NZ salmon firm

By Doris C. Dumlao

SEAFOOD producer Alliance Select Stock International Inc. has entered into a $2.16-million deal to acquire 80 percent of Alliance Salmon NZ Ltd., a pioneer in salmon farming in New Zealand.

The move is in line with Alliance's bid to become a major salmon producer in the region.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange on Tuesday, Alliance said its board had approved the acquisition of the New Zealand-based salmon smolts farmers and processors Clook and smoked salmon. The share purchase agreement is expected to be signed by August.

Alliance has committed to invest needs of $150,000 for the working capital needs of Akaroa, the only remaining privately owned salmon farm in New Zealand.

"It is an iconic brand name which can be found on the menus of every high end restaurant," Alliance president and CEO Jonathan Dee told stockholders.

Before closing this transaction, Alliance plans to raise funds from a private placement via the offering of authorized but unissued shares. It will issue 60.67 million shares at P1.66 each resulting in a 9.67-percent dilution of existing shareholders' interests.

Dee told stockholders that this deal has filled the company's objective of becoming a multiregional salmon producer.

Alliance was ranked at P4.71 billion. The 20 percent stake that Alliance did not buy would be kept by Dennis Bates, son of Alliance's founder who will continue his role as general manager of the company.

Alliance is a thriving producer of high-end salmon. The company operates two massive farms along Akaroa Harbor in New Zealand's South Island. Its processing facilities are located in the Marsden district of Christchurch. It also holds a 26-percent stake in Fishers Smoke House Ltd., a modern hatchery that supplies smolts or juvenile salmon for Akaroa farms.

Local banking sector's deposit base hits P4.5T

By Michelle V. Rivera

MOODY'S raised its universal and commercial banks in the country grew by 8 percent to P4.56 trillion as of the end of the first quarter from P4.43 trillion in the same period last year.

The growth of deposits, which comprise the bulk of the industry's total resources, would enable banks to extend more credits.

The BSP said the banking sector was expected to post a double-digit rise in outstanding loans this year. This is expected to benefit both individual borrowers and businesses.

Of the total deposits as of the end-March, P3.52 trillion was denominated in peso. The balance of P1.03 trillion was in dollar and other foreign currencies.

The Bankers Association of the Philippines expects lending by universal and commercial banks to grow by between 10 and 15 percent this year.

Latest lending data from the BSP showed that outstanding loans from the large banks amounted to P2.05 trillion by the end of April, up by 19.2 percent year-on-year.

Officials said the rise of loans helped boost the growth of the economy to 6.4 percent in the first quarter.

Economic growth was experienced at 6.9 percent in the first quarter of last year.

The BSP said rising deposits and early withdrawal provide room and improving purchasing for savings of Filipinos. It said the rise in deposits also reflected enhanced public confidence on the country's banking system.

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Value turnover at the local stock market amounted to P7.09 billion. There were 121 advancers that edged over 82 decliners while 33 stocks were unchanged.

"The uplifting performances of SLPI, SM Investments, Ayala Land, Global Telecom and Puregold in recent days are indicative of the key themes that are driving investor flows to—dividend-rich, rising consumer demand and tourism plays," Lanzon said.

"Investors continue to favor large caps. Moving forward, we think the big-cap get bigger," Angeles said.

Philippine Stock Exchange

Money back, please

Biz Buzz
By the staff

HERE'S hoping that the directors and officers of government-owned and -controlled corporations (GOCCs) who are on the boards of private firms during the previous administration...

Need going around is that the administration of President Aquino is set to require all these former officials to return the income they earned as directors of these firms, while representing the government's interests on their boards.

Biz Buzz hears that the bulk of these former GOCC people who will be affected by the "benefits recall" are former directors of the Philippine Stock Exchange System (PSSI) and the Philippine Dealing System Holdings Corporation (PDSH), including their former chief executives and ranking officers.

According to our source, the rationale for the new retroactive policy is that these GOCC officials served on the boards of private mostly listed firms representing shares owned by the government. As such, they benefited from certain—known to bankers, investors and the like—should accrue to the state for the argument goes.

No settlement or accretion as yet on how much benefits are involved here, but it is expected to be in the tens of millions for all the officials involved.

Understandably, many of these former GOCC officials—including some very reputable names who are now close friends of the Aquino administration—are upset at the prospect of having to return millions of pesos to the government. They are also wondering why the benefits recall is being imposed on them, with some arguing that the government should go after benefits enjoyed by all GOCC-appointed directors who served during administrations before PNoy.

The policy is supposedly being pushed by the Department of Finance, which has oversight function over the GOCCs. Good luck with that. —Jaime L. Laude

Growing partnership

DESPITE the initial doubts that met Steven Lim's entry into the Malaysian market—through as president of the country's third-biggest player Lion Malaysia—the Philippines' largest petroleum refiner and distributor seems to be making inroads.

Not a few observers were surprised when Lim (now Datuk Seri Malaysia) scored a coup by reaching a six-month fuel supply contract with Malaysia Airlines, specifically for its new flagship, the Airbus A380 "Superjumbo."

Initial press reports indicated that Shell Malaysia was able to source the daily offering demanded that "is Malaysian Airlines, but upon further inquiry, Biz Buzz learned that the so-called "deep-sea fuel"—five feet underneath—was only provided for the airline's inaugural flight (Kuala Lumpur-Kuala Lumpur to London (a substantial amount, nonetheless).

"It's basically for bragging rights for both parties," said a Petron insider, who explained that the rest of the fuel supply deal is priced at competitive rates (said it has to be competitive, given the presence of Malaysian giant Petronas in the market).

More substantially, however, the Malaysia Airlines-Petron partnership seems to underscore a newfound of cooperation between the two Filipino group (which owns Petron) and its home in Malaysia. Add to this the recent pronouncement of SMC top founder Ramon Ang that Philippine Airlines (which he also controls) is in talks with a potential partner airline in the region, and ... well, feel free to connect the dots. Buzzed Laude

Open secrets, key exit

THE PHILIPPINE Institute for Development Studies (PIDS) is set to lose one of its most prolific researchers this month.

Jesus Felipe, a Filipino economist who has been with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) since 2002, is leaving the ADB to join the PIDS as a senior research fellow.

Felipe's research interests include economic growth, productivity, competitiveness, and the Philippine economy. He has published numerous papers in international journals and has written several books on these topics.

His departure from the ADB is a significant loss for the bank, as he has been a key contributor to its research and policy work. However, it is a great opportunity for the PIDS to gain a valuable addition to its team.

Felipe's decision to leave the ADB is a testament to his dedication to his country and his desire to contribute to its development. He will be missed by his colleagues at the ADB, but they wish him well in his new role at the PIDS.

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The Department of Education intends to apply the sum of Philippine Peso Seventy-Eight Million Five Hundred Thirty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Sixty and 00/100 (PhP 78,538,260.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to eligible contracts under the contract for the Supply and Delivery of School Furniture to Selected Elementary and Secondary Schools Nationwide under the 10% EO 864 Allocation for Cooperation of Persons With Disability, as follows:

Lot	Regions	Armchairs (All Wood, Wood and Steel or Non-Wood Based Materials)					Teachers' Tables and Chairs (All Wood)	Total Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) in Php
		Quantity (in pieces)					Quantity (in sets)	
		Male	Left-Handed	Female	Left-Handed	Total (M + M)		
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2	II	1,935	58	1,799	58	3,734	50	1,921,750.00
3	III	4,354	200	3,930	160	8,284	130	4,622,750.00
4	IV-A	6,961	284	6,485	214	13,446	200	10,394,200.00
5	CAR	1,967	104	1,804	96	3,771	70	2,063,480.00
6	IV-B	2,961	153	2,699	98	5,660	75	3,864,750.00
7	V	5,000	198	4,807	80	9,807	180	6,850,260.00
8	VI	5,000	154	5,788	168	10,788	200	5,750,100.00
9	VII	5,000	154	5,788	168	10,788	200	5,750,100.00
10	IX	1,600	74	1,776	90	3,376	50	2,269,100.00
11	X	3,800	140	3,600	70	6,400	100	4,164,140.00
12	XI	5,000	80	4,307	98	9,580	80	3,921,800.00
13	XII	5,400	154	5,440	70	9,897	100	4,000,000.00
14	ARMM	4,000	70	3,100	60	7,100	100	3,914,740.00
15	NCR	7,400	220	6,600	200	13,794	200	10,000,000.00
16	CARAGA	3,611	53	3,361	40	6,944	50	2,943,540.00
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Prospective bidders must have completed a similar contract within the last five (5) years that the bidding date of submission and award of bids with an amount of at least 50% of the ABC to be bid.

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens / sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to RA 5183 and subject to Commonwealth Act 138.

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Activity	Date and Time	Venue
Issuance of Bidding Documents	From July 4, 2012, Office Hours to August 6, 2012, 10:00 AM	DepED Procurement Service, 2F, Room B, Mabini Avenue, Pasig City
Pre-Bid Conference	July 19, 2012, 2:00 PM	PBAC Conference Room, 2F, Room 2 Annex Bldg.
Deadline and Opening of Bids	August 6, 2012, 10:00 AM	PS DepED Quezon, 2F, Room B

The Bidding Documents may be requested or purchased at DepED Procurement Service, 2nd Floor, Room B, DepED Central Office, Mabini Avenue, Pasig City upon accomplishing a bidder's information sheet and payment in cash of a non-refundable fee by interested bidders in the amount of Philippine Pesos Eight Thousand and 00/100 (PhP 8,000.00) to the DepED Cashier. Only bidders who purchased the Bidding Documents will be allowed to submit bids.

Prospective bidders are strongly encouraged to either download the electronic copy of the Bidding Documents from the PHILGEPS website, www.philgeps.net, for those to be included in the Document Request List of this project. The Bidding Documents may be viewed also at the DepED website: www.deped.gov.ph.

DepED reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, not award the contract, or annul the bidding process without assuming any liability to the affected parties.

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Notice is hereby given that the following companies/employers have filed with this Regional Office applications for Alien Employment Permits:

Name and address of Company/Employer	Name of Foreign National/ Citizenship	Position
NEW SUNRAY FOODS INC., 3/F Sagittarius II, #14 Interchange St., Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Sivakumaran Kandiah / Indian	Chef
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GURINDER HANSDEEP TRADING CORP., 74 Zaragoza St., Caloocan City	Arjun Singh / Indian	Sales Representative
HARANDEEP PAL TRADING CORP., 22 Zaragoza St., Araneta Ave., Quezon City	Sukjjhit Singh / Indian	Finance Officer
PURITY FORMAT CORP., #30-D Kamias Road, Project-4, Quezon City	Zeta Gismillo / Filipino	Medical Biological Consultant
DELOITTE & TOUCHE CONSULTING GROUP, CO PTE LTD., 6/F Pacific Bldg., 7 Ortigas Jr. Road, Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Tadiamto / Indonesian	Consultant
NISSAN CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES, Nissan Hall, Magsaysay cor. Governor St., Diliman of the Philippines, Diliman, Quezon City	Yamada Yasuaki / Japanese	Lecturer I
VISAT COMPUTER SOLUTIONS, INC., 1836 Hidalgo St., Bldg. 284, Dela Rosa, Legaspi Village, Makati City	Qintai Chen / Chinese	Vice President
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TELEPHILIPPINES INCORPORATED, 24/F Philamlife Tower, San Miguel Ave., Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Hasan Hammingar / American	Assistant Training Manager
HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES PHILIPPINES INC., C3/F PBCom Tower, Ayala Ave. cor. Herrera Sts., Makati City	Jie Cheng / Chinese	Administration Director
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If you have any information/opinion to the above mentioned applications please communicate with the Regional Director.

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AMADO HERO P. CABRAL

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Any information about him and his whereabouts can be relayed at (02) 865-6340 and (02) 866-8341.

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NOTICE OF LOSS

Notice is hereby given that the Stock Certificate No. 015 for 1000 shares issued in the name of Pagcor Perez is lost or stolen, and the Stock Certificate No. 15 for 400 shares, and the No. 0000 (5,000) issued in the name of Hanson T. Lee, all owned by the Central Textile Mills, Inc., have reported lost. If the certificate is received within ten days, said certificates will be cancelled.

(PSE – June 6, 2012)

Notice of Loss

Notice is hereby given that the Stock Certificate No. 0000 (5,000) issued in the name of Hanson T. Lee, all owned by the Central Textile Mills, Inc., have reported lost. If the certificate is received within ten days, said certificates will be cancelled.

(PSE – July 4, 2012)

LOAN MODUS

Modus is hereby offering for loan at 5% interest per month, payable in 6 months, secured by real estate mortgage with existing improvement. Interested parties may call Mr. Rogelio Tan at 0917-8123456 or 0917-8123457 for more information.

(PSE – July 4, 2012)

City Government of Zamboanga
DISTRICT AWARDS COMMITTEE
City Hall, Mindanao

INVITATION TO BID

The CITY GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBOANGA invites PHILGEPS-registered contractors to apply for the following items:

Name of Projects	Approved Budget for the Contract	Source of Funds		Time within Completion
		Bidder's Contribution	Deadline Submission of Bid	
1. Construction of Junior Building (Building 2) Including Electrical Works	P 10,000,000.00	July 10, 2012 10:00 a.m.	July 10, 2012 10:00 a.m.	P 1,000.00
2. Construction of Multi-Purpose Building (Building 1) Including Electrical Works	P 4,000,000.00	July 10, 2012 10:00 a.m.	July 10, 2012 10:00 a.m.	P 200.00
3. Construction of Classroom Building (Building 3)	P 5,000,000.00	July 10, 2012 10:00 a.m.	July 10, 2012 10:00 a.m.	P 500.00

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Office of the City Mayor. Bidding documents may be purchased from the Bidding Documents Unit from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily.

The contract bidders, please call the Procurement Acquisition and Awards Division of Magsaysay Tel. (062) 991-1700.

The CITY GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBOANGA reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award without incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

(Sgd.) DR. RUBEN L. ARROYO
BAC Chairman

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CHAIRMAN OF LJS GROUP OF COMPANIES

Died in the peace of the Lord on July 01, 2012
at the age of 52.

His bereaved mother **LYDIA TAN SY**;
Brothers **JERRY** and **RUMIKO**, **JAMES** and **SALLY**
Sisters **JEANETTE** and **JACK**, **JUDY** and **EPISON**,
JOSEPHINE and **JEFFREY**
nieces and nephews and other relatives

And the entire LJS GROUP OF COMPANIES request
for your prayers for his departed soul.

APRICA PRODUCTS PHILIPPINES, INC.
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DON LUIS GO SY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
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His body lies in state at Nacional Memorial Homes, Araneta Ave., Q.C.
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CLASSIFIEDS

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Region VII, Central Visayas
DIVISION OF ZAMBOANGA DEL NORTE
Sipatong City, Zamb

INVITATION TO BID

1. The Department of Education, Division of Zamboanga del Norte, through the FY 2012 SBH-BEF, intends to apply the sum of Four Million Nine Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos Only (₱4,950,000.00) being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to implement under the contract for Supply Reproduction of Grades I and II teacher's Materials and Teacher's Manual and Grade I MTB – MLE Learning Materials for Distribution to Public Elementary and Secondary Schools. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening of the envelopes.
2. The Department of Education, Division of Zamboanga del Norte, now invites bids for Supply Reproduction of Grades I and II Learner's Materials and Teacher's Manual and Grade I MTB – MLE Learning Materials for Distribution to Public Elementary and Secondary Schools. Delivery of Grades I to Kindergarten, Grade I Learner Grades I Materials shall be two (2) months after the date of receipt of the Notice to Proceed. Bidders should have completed, within five (5) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The description of an equipment of similar nature and complexity to the one that is being bidded, must be consistent with the bidding documents, particularly, Section VI. Schedule of Requirements.
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act". Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least seventy five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to the RA 5183 and subject to Commonwealth Act. 138.
4. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the Bidding Office and inspect the Bidding Documents from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday to Friday.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of Ten Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Pesos only (₱10,250.00).
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before July 24, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at Zamboanga del Norte Division Office, Zamboanga del Norte. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security for any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18. Bid will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.
7. The Department of Education, Division of Zamboanga del Norte, reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
8. For further information, please refer to:

LEYNER ROY C. BELLING, Ed. D.
Bids and Awards Chairman
Division of Zamboanga del Norte
Cell No. 0918-5787
Telefax No. (065) 212-0165
Email Address: sdo9@yahoo.com
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(Sgd.) **MARGARITA V. MAYUGA**
BAC Chairman

(PhilStar – July 04, 2012)

UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES
OPEN UNIVERSITY

INVITATION TO BID

The UP Open University (UPOU), through the Government of the Philippines (GOP) General Appropriations Act of 2012 intends to apply the sum of Four Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos only (₱4,250,000.00) under the contract (**Reference No. ITB No. 12-09-003**) Supply and Delivery of Generator Sets 60 KVA and 100 KVA; 200 volts, 3 phase, 4 to 6 pin, 1800 rpm, 50 Hz. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening.

The UPOU now invites bids for Supply and Delivery of Generator Sets. Bidders should have completed, within the last two (2) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the project equivalent to fifty percent (50%) of the approved budget for the contract. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to the RA 5183 and subject to Commonwealth Act. 138.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the address below and inspect the Bidding Documents from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Tuesday to Friday.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of Ten Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Pesos only (₱10,250.00).

It may also be downloaded from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) provided that Bidders shall pay the non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

The UPOU will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on July 11, 2012, 2:00 p.m., at 02 Conference Room, UPOU Wiz Luis Bldng., Laguna which shall be open to all interested parties.

Bids must be delivered to the address below. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the form and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18. Bid opening shall be on July 25, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at 02 Conference Room, UPOU Wiz Luis Bldng., Laguna. Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below. Late bids shall not be accepted.

The UP Open University reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

For further information, please refer to:

ROLANDO M. ABOLUCAS
BAC Secretariat
Supply and Property Management Office (SPMO)
UPOU Headquarters, Los Baños, Laguna
Telephone No.: (049) 536-0001 local 211
Telefax No.: (049) 536-6010
bac@upou.edu.ph

(Sgd.) **RICARDO P. GONZALES**
BAC Chair

(PhilStar – July 04, 2012)

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
DIVISION OF MAKATI
Makati
17 Metro Point, Makati City

DepED

INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Education intends to apply the sum of **Six Million Six Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Pesos (Php 6,637,950.00)** being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to purchase, under the contracts for the works described below in Division of Makati as follows:

Project No. 0000-MAKA-(2)-11-013
CONSTRUCTION OF TWO STOREY, TWO UNITS, THREE CLASSROOMS PER STRUCTURE WITH TOILET FOR MALE AND ONE UNIT ONE STOREY, TWELVE CLASSROOMS TYPE PHASE (3) UNIT 4

Name of School	Municipality	Total Target (Physical)	Approved Budget for the Contract		Completion Date
			Detailed	Total	
Guadalupe Elementary School	San Pascual	3 CL	₱3,317,975.00	₱3,317,975.00	120

Activity	Date and Time	Venue
Issuance of Bidding Documents	July 04 – July 10, 2012 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	DepED, Div. Office, Guijo Bldng., Poblacion, Makati City
Pre-Bid Conference (open only to all interested entities who have purchased the bidding documents)	July 11, 2012, 9:00 AM	DepED, Div. Office, Function Hall, Poblacion, Makati City
Submission of Bids	July 25, 2012, 9:00 AM	DepED, Div. Office, Function Hall, Poblacion, Makati City

The Department of Education Division of Makati, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), now invites bids for the above mentioned works. Bids received that exceed the ABC shall be rejected at bid opening. Late bids shall be rejected.

Prospective bidders must have completed a similar contract within the last five (5) years from date of submission and receipt of bids with an amount of at least 50% of the ABC(s) for (s).

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens / sole proprietorships, partnerships or organizations with at least seventy five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines.

Open competitive bidding will be conducted using the non-discretionary pass/fail criterion, as specified and prescribed in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R.A. 9184. Information is also available at **DepED Makati Division, Guijo Bldng. Tel no. 231-2302 or www.pinpin.ph**

The Bidding Documents may be inspected or purchased at the address previously indicated hereof, upon payment in cash of a non-refundable fee in the amount of **Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00)** only by interested bidders.

DepED hereof we the right to accept or reject any or all bid, to annul the bidding process, or declare failure of bidding at any time prior to contract award without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidders.

(Sgd.) **MARIA M. TAMZON**
BAC Chair

(PhilStar – July 04, 2012)

BUSINESS

2,132 public works projects get the green light

Government steps up efforts to put in place vital infrastructure

By Howard W. Dominguez

THE GOVERNMENT is ready to implement additional infrastructure projects as the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has bid out 2,227 contracts or 93 percent of this year's lineup, according to Budget Secretary Florencio B. Abad.

Abad said in a statement that of the total, 2,132 projects had been given notices to proceed while 615 local projects had been completed.

Of the projects given the go-ahead, there are more than P100 million, 182 that are between P50 million and P100 million, and 1,087 cost less than P50 million.

"These accomplishments will certainly allow the DPWH to absorb the construction of more infrastructure projects in the second semester of the year," he said.

"The DPWH's accomplishments are well-timed, given that the monsoon season has begun and the need to step up public construction is particularly urgent," he added. "We can therefore expect significant progress in the completion of key infrastructure projects in the coming months."

The budget chief said the issuance of notices to proceed is how the DPWH is receive the corresponding funds to jump-start project implementation.

He said appropriations for projects with such notices now amount to P48.23 billion, or three-fourths of the total programmed amount of P64.65 billion under the 2012 national budget.

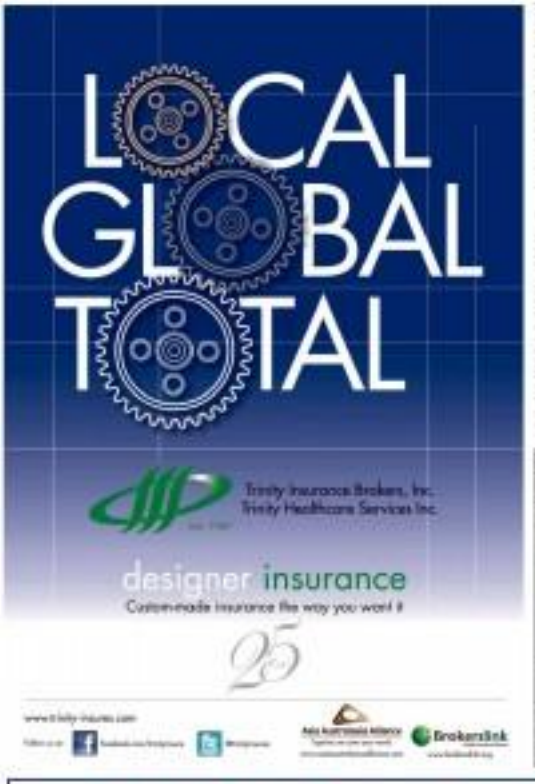
He also said that preparation for infrastructure projects was faster this year due to efforts of the Aquino administration to speed up the implementation of public works.

"For instance, the DPWH was tasked to bid out all infrastructure programs short of award by the end of 2011," Abad said. "This allowed the agency to begin the implementation of several programs the moment the new fiscal year began."

Further, Abad said an additional P5 billion is being validated for the implementation of projects that involve national roads which lead to tourism areas.

Abad said these roads will not only improve the exchange of goods and key social services, but will also increase access to tourist areas.

In turn, improved access will "contribute significantly to the economy and provide immediate benefits to communities in tourist zones," Abad said.



Exports target may be missed

By Riza T. Olchondra

EXPORT companies fear that the target export revenue this year of $80.2 billion will not be met due to the strong peso.

"Even when it was P43 to the dollar, exporters were concerned. Now that it's around P41-P42, exporters are here, especially those that source materials locally since they cannot benefit from supposedly cheaper imports of raw materials. Even electronics makers that import about 75 percent of raw materials are hurting," Philippine Exporters Confederation president Sergio R. Ortiz-Luis Jr. said yesterday in a phone interview.

The electronics sector, which accounts for about half of export revenues, has downgraded its export growth forecast this year to 3.7 percent from the original target of 10-15 percent, due partly to the strong peso.

The peso closed at P41.72 and touched P41.71 yesterday. On Monday, it closed at P42.02 and even traded close to the earlier high of P41.925 recorded on Aug. 1, 2011 due to investors' optimism over euro zone efforts to stabilize banks.

The Semiconductor and Electronics Industries of the Philippines Inc. (Seipi) had been banking on recovery in 2012 after suffering shocks last year that stifled dampened demand as exacerbated to higher costs and supply chain difficulties.

However, growth has so far been "anemic," Seipi president Ernesto B. Santiago said in a text message.

The government should consider measures that maximize the impact of peso appreciation, among them tempering the flow of hot money into the stock market and supporting industries by building infrastructure, better packaging, and promotional activities, Luis said.

Trade Secretary Gregory Domingo said that exports, particularly electronics, are a major component of the country's economic performance as measured by the gross domestic product or GDP.

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AFTER FORD

Other plants to close, if ...

By Tess R. Salazar

TIEUNWS—If the closure of the Ford assembly plant in the Philippines left the motoring public and the local business community like an ostrich—sudden and seemingly without warning—it calamity unfolds a range in different options. However, the signs were there months before. The downturn into gone held the ground opening of its $450-million Thailand manufacturing plant in Rayong, Thailand, in May. Ford ended its local assembly of Mazda3 in January, while that of the Focus ended in June, leaving the Escape as the only vehicle being assembled at the Ford-Li Peng plant (But that, too, will end, as the last Escape to be assembled here rolls out in December 2012). The economies of scale, as well as supplier base, weren't there for Ford.

Like a condition, there may already be whirlwinds on the way. Rumors have been rife that another assembling plant may be on the chopping block, as veteran motoring analysts do not rule out the possibility of more countries being hit a "friendlier" import environment.

They point out that the tariff rate for fully assembled cars, which annually increase now to 2020 (from 3 percent from 2003 to 2009 for Asean Completely Built Up units) made importing CBU vehicles into the country more practical than assembling them here. Furthermore, the observers note, local assemblers wait a longer time before gaining the profits from the local sales of their cars.

An industry source who refused to be named told "Given now the expansion of CBU completely knocked down and CBU tariffs at 0 percent for CEPT (Common Effective Preferential Tariff) and Japan, I would say there is no advantage for assembler. Which is the reason why the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc., the Truck Manufacturers Association, and the Philippine Automotive Competitiveness Council Inc are working with the government to re-craft a new Motor Vehicle Development Program to develop the local market and to have incentives for assemblers."

The source stated that if the government does not intervene, it would be most likely that another auto plant would shut down. "We can't continue producing the same CBU models for a long time. The principal company will naturally desire cities where the turnover most of will be produced, which will be advantageous to the market in terms of costs and volume," added the source.

The Ford plant shutdown has left some auto executives of Japanese brands in seriously tense, in just, perhaps, during the official launch June 29 of the upcoming Philippine International Motor Show at the Makati Shangri-La. "So what is going to go next after Ford?"

Lawyer Rommel Gutierrez, president of the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc., reacted to the rumors: "I hope the news is not true. we're working on the solution to avoid another thing to happen." Gutierrez had earlier declared at the PIM launch, "The timing of the 4th motor show could not have been better as the Philippines is back on the international radar screen. We hope this year, we will become an investment grade-rated country. There is no better time for the Philippines than now to seize the limelight."

He told Inquirer Motoring that the industry will continue to assess the impact of Ford in the auto industry, acknowledging that Ford's involvement in the Philippine Automotive Competitiveness Council Inc. (PACC) had been "instrumental" to

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AT THE launch are Daniel Lee (Universal Motors Corp. (UMC) first vice president), Hidetaka Sugata (Toyota president), Dante Santos, Carupi vice president and PAP Mondelski), Ramrod Gutierrez (Carupi president and Toyota VP), Jose Oh Alvarez (Carupi chairman emeritus and chair of Asian Carmakers Corp, BMW and Colombian Autocar Corp./Kia), Valerie Leon (Carupi treasurer and Nissan SVP), Masakazu Shibata (Mitsubishi president and CEO) and Tetsuya Matsuno (Honda president and general manager)

THE CAMPI Board with Suzuki chief Takeshi Uchida (center with) and CATS Motors president Felix Ang (right)

GUTIERREZ learn the 4th PIMS details as Santos and Alvarez look on

4th PIM Show seen as start of something big for local motoring

By Charles Bullar

WITH A closing 35-percent increase over growth in sales in May, recent sale reduction of new car models, and improved supply conditions, members of the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. is confident that the upcoming 4th Philippine International Motor Show slated from Aug. 18 to 29, 2011, is the start of something big for the industry.

"The timing of the 4th PIMS to be held at the World Trade Center in Pasay City is just perfect. Optimism among the 13 members and affiliates of this premier umbrella organization is riding on the auto industry's strong performance in May. This is a clear sign that the industry is on the road to recovery and is achieving to begin to the industry road map," announced Rommel Gutierrez, president of Campi.

Gutierrez, who is also corporate affairs VP of Toyota Motor Philippines Corp., announced the following developments that Campi expects to attain by 2016: increase production output to 295,000 units, increase domestic CBU sales to 105,000 units, maintain localization level to not less 40 percent, export 90,000 vehicles and increase parts export to $4.6 billion ($160 billion) from $3.6 billion ($150 billion) as of end-2011.

Campi also expects to increase the contribution of the local automotive manufacturing industry from an estimated 12 percent of industrial sector output or 4 percent of the country's total gross domestic product in 2015.

Confident

"We at Campi are confident that the local auto industry will attain our 2022 vision for the Philippines to be a competitive manufacturing hub of motor vehicles and parts and components, serving both the domestic and export markets," Gutierrez said.

He added that these targets are attainable considering that the country's automotive manufacturing and assembly industry

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Lexus CT200h: the surprisingly convenient truth

THE CT200H works perfectly as a halfway house technology-wise that bridges the gap between the cars of yesterday and the possible cars of the future.

MAKE no mistake, the CT200h is a Lexus through and through with its comfort and refinement.

SOFT touch plastic cover the dash, ceilings and the excellent sound system with Bluetooth mobile phone integration.

DM SEASON performance tires

By Ranchi Santos

IN THE documentary "Who Killed the Electric Car" released in 2006, its director Chris Paine explains the later history of the electric car, specifically the General Motor's EV1 vehicle, and how California, specifically the California Air Resources Board (CARB) mandated that if a car company wants to continue selling gasoline powered vehicles in California, those same car companies must release a zero emission electric powered vehicle available to the public for sale or long term lease. A couple years after the movie came out, that was repealed after continuous lobbying and pressure from big business, the car manufacturers, oil companies and other distributors had gotten heavily entrenched in the manufacturing of gasoline powered vehicles, and reality indeed. It's an interesting documentary, one that any car aficionado, industry watcher or two bagger should look into.

But where does that leave hybrids like the Lexus CT200h?

The hybrids seems to be a stop-gap measure, a halfway house between the fossil fuel powered vehicles of yesteryear, and the hopefully zero emission vehicles of tomorrow that might run on hydrogen, solar power, or back to full electric propulsion, the alternative propulsion in all its fullness will perhaps take another generation to come into fruition simply because the necessary supporting infrastructure will take even longer for tertiary parties involved to be industry to catch on. Refueling/recharging stations, recycling plants for handling expired batteries which is considered Hazardous Materials material.

Halfway house or not, the Lexus CT200h is a hoot to drive, nice or less. Let's get the bias part out first. The CT200h has been driving modes: EV or electric, Normal mode, ECO mode, Normal Mode and Sport Mode. In EV mode, the CT200h relies on full electronic power. In ECO and Normal Modes, it's a mix of both fuel/gasoline powered propulsion and/or electric mode depending on the driving conditions and throttle opening/position. But in Sport Mode, thanks to combined gasoline and electric power the CT200h drives like a torquesteer 1.8-liter 5 door hatchback which serves up gutsier power thanks also in part to its CVT transmission that is willing to play as it is to be sedate, depending on your mood. Floor it and the CT200h zings very enthusiastically and, thanks to the gizmo's raised suspension, it lets the legs to march to beat, criss-crossing slower moving vehicles in heavy Edsa traffic. You'd think it had more power than the advertised 136 hp from the combined gasoline and electric powertrains.

But on the environmental front, the CT200h works devastatingly effective in any mode aside from Sport, you have to realize that it really requires a certain tempo in drive, and even drive quickly. Think of it as a computer video game, where you need to start off slowly but gently, as steadily as can be, and gather pace gently. Every Mode in this game, the CT200h is capable of going well past 160 kph if accelerated, probably edge closer to 180-190 kph. Moving off from a standstill is usually via electric propulsion so you move easily quiet, but as throttle opens up past 30 percent and speeds climb past 40 kph the gasoline engine can take over propulsion. The CVT prefers to be as efficient as possible, you feel the speed climb slowly but surely, but the revolutions remain low relative to an engine of its size.

Apart from that, everything else will remain as is," he adds. He added that he is excited for the upcoming new version of the Wild Ranger and Mustang.

Kristin Stavem, who owns several ford retailers and is an events committee member of the Ford Club (Philippines), said the club knows of the plant's closure a year before, but had dismissed it as a rumor.

"We felt that Ford employees would become unemployed. And we said baka lang yan (that government hasn't made steps to help the foreign investors be true to our country)."

The local auto industry, combined with the automobile manufacturers that maintain assembly plants in the country, generates $3.2 billion in export revenues, 19.00 billion in local investments, an estimated P270 billion in fiat in government taxes, and over 75,000 highly skilled workers (direct and indirect), with their dependents numbering nearly half a million.

Though the buzz during the June 29 PIMS press conference was about the Ford plant shutdown, the show must go on for the 35 brands participating in the 4th PIMS, to be held Aug. 18 to 19 at the World Trade Center in Pasay City. Brands on showcase would be BMW, Chrysler, Daewoo, Dodge, Honda, Isuzu, Jeep, JMC, Kia, Lexus, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, Honda, Suzuki, and Toyota.

He informed that in 2011 alone, assessed for 12 percent of the country's industrial sector output and 4 percent of the total GDP. Based on according to data from the National Statistics Coordination Board).

"Even with the supply disruptions due to the unfortunate floods, the industry's economic footprint remains significant. As of 2010, the industry generated investments worth of P129 billion and jobs for 68,000 auto workers – to include the parts and components industry and the 300,000 workers of ancillary industries that are connected to the auto industry," shared Gutierrez.

He also stressed that all prices will remain the same, for both cars and parts. "The increase of price is normal to all companies, especially if the prices internationally will increase. But this silence is also equally dangerous. You need to be on your guard and quick with your feet to step on the brakes, and your hands to hook the hoist as jaywalking pedestrians will almost literally throw themselves at the CT200h's front end since they can barely hear you.

The interior is all Lexus: soft touch plastics cover the dash and ceilings, an excellent sound system with Bluetooth mobile phone integration and MP3 connectivity as standard, and the seats, changed restored in high quality fabrics instead of leather (available on the high-end variant CT200h F-Sport) are the most comfortable and supportive seats I have ever tried, perfect to soothe my aching back. The trunk, unfortunately, aren't as roomy as I would like them. Toyota Prius-C, an even smaller car than the CT200h, seemed to have more space. The trunk, though, is as big as golfbags can fit.

The CT200h is built on Toyota's MC platform, which it shares with the RWD market Aristo and Crestha—which is considered to be one of the best sedans in Toyota's Miyakawa factory in Fukuoka, Japan. The front utilizes a MacPherson strut suspension, but the rears use a double-wishbone suspension in lieu of a compact torsion bar, to give better overall performance, mobility and comfort at higher speeds. The CT200h comes with eight airbags (dual front airbags, front side-seat airbags and curtain airbags (but quite the length of the vehicle as standard and a Vehicle Stability Control that averages 4WS/ESD brakes with traction and stability assist.

The CT200h works perfectly as a halfway house technology of sorts that bridges the gap between the cars of restriction and the possible cars of the future. It has very low emission, very efficient power and low consumption, the metal hybrid battery is charged by regenerative means (via coasting and braking at about 30 meters of driving), and doesn't require a large supporting infrastructure for battery charging and the like. That it is surprisingly fun to drive aside the dual engine carrying a hefty price tag. Make no mistake, it's a Lexus through and through with its comfort and refinement. Yet it offers a driving experience that is engaging and enjoyable, which can't be said for all Lexus cars. Sure it's expensive, but a Lexus isn't for everyone. I never got to try it out of town, but fuel economy was a good 11 km/liter in purely city driving. Now that's having your cake and eating it too!

Other plants to close, if ... From page B2-1

to establishment.

PACU is composed of auto assemblers and auto parts makers who have recently proposed the transformation of the auto industry from being predominantly focused on the assembly of completely knocked down (CKD) units for the local market to outright vehicle manufacturing for the local and export markets.

"The issues (that the Ford plant closure has raised), which include lack of supplier base and no economies of scale, are common. The industry knows that. We are trying to address them. We are collaborating with the government to come up with the road map necessary to address these issues," stressed Gutierrez, adding that the group will not let the situation affect the road map so far as the local auto industry is concerned.

On the impact of the plant's shutdown on the Motor Vehicle Development Plan, Gutierrez said, "there may be some slight adjustments, but we will continue to pursue". He added that the group will not be "crippled" as Japanese assemblers and auto parts makers are still part of the group.

Philippine Automotive Federation Inc. secretary general Frank Narag said that the development of the automotive road map, spearheaded by PACU and PAFI (the umbrella organizations of automotive organizations), hopes to "resuscitate the ailing industry assembly and manufacturing operations in the country."

Rollie Baquiseberan, Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturers Association of the Philippines president, said the advantages of the road map to automotive plants in the Philippines still remain, and these are low labor rates, abundant supply of skilled labor and professionals, adequate industrial sites and facilities, and improving infrastructure.

Baquiseberan said the disadvantages of a limited supply base is solved by "recent success, and are duty free," and the issue of the economies of scale is addressed if the local assembler exports.

AN aerial view of the Ford Plant at Sta. Rosa

The view from a dealer, owner

Willy Tee Tee, who owns Ford dealerships in Taguig, Manila, Ilocos, and Cagayan de Oro cities, said that he underscored only Ford Group Philippines (FGP) had to close its Philippine plant. He said he was disappointed that this closure would be properly explained in the media, because I received several messages and phone calls from my friends regarding the plant shutting down, and I had to explain it to them one by one, especially to my foreign friends. I was surprised that it came out in the news that quick and it sometimes gave a negative impression to FGP and to the brand.

"I hope that people would understand that the products and services of Ford here in the Philippines will never be affected with this circumstance, and that Ford Philippines will be launching more quality cars models, and the expansion of its dealership will continue."

Tee Tee is scheduled to open Ford dealerships in Zamboanga, General Santos, and Tagbilaran cities.

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SHOWN during the groundbreaking ceremony are (from left) Ekan-rice president for marketing Ernie de Pedro, Mobilio, Rizz, Autoallies vice chair William Sim, Autoallies chair Clemente Garcia, Cristobal Purca, ACC BMW VP for marketing Diane Chang, ACC BMW sales director Jon Francia and ACC BMW head for dealer development Allan Manzo

BMW leadership is new landmark at Eton Centris

THE NEWEST integrated and master-planned mixed-used township development in Quezon City, officially welcomed BMW as one of its newest locators during a ground-breaking ceremony on June 27.

Top officials of Eton Properties Philippines led by its senior vice president Pilita Mobido, the official host BMW distributor Astara Carmakers Corp. led by its president Jose Reyes, and Atoito Marcial Ros, president of the automotive Group Inc. which is the authorized BMW dealer, were on hand during the short ceremony that officially launched the groundwork at the 1,000-square meter lot.

Mobido said that "the BMW office and showroom will contribute to the theme of its main office in showcasing its products in a unique place such as Eton Centris. Eton Centris is located at the center of two major thoroughfares—Edsa and Quezon Avenue and is considered as the gateway to the emerging Quezon City Triangle Park Central Business District.

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The interior is all Lexus: soft touch plastics cover the dash and ceilings, an excellent sound system with Bluetooth mobile phone integration and MP3 connectivity as standard, and the seats, changed restored in high quality fabrics instead of leather (available on the high-end variant CT200h F-Sport) are the most comfortable and supportive seats I have ever tried, perfect to soothe my aching back. The trunk, unfortunately, aren't as roomy as I would like them. Toyota Prius-C, an even smaller car than the CT200h, seemed to have more space. The trunk, though, is as big as golfbags can fit.

The CT200h is built on Toyota's MC platform, which it shares with the RWD market Aristo and Crestha—which is considered to be one of the best sedans in Toyota's Miyakawa factory in Fukuoka, Japan. The front utilizes a MacPherson strut suspension, but the rears use a double-wishbone suspension in lieu of a compact torsion bar, to give better overall performance, mobility and comfort at higher speeds. The CT200h comes with eight airbags (dual front airbags, front side-seat airbags and curtain airbags (but quite the length of the vehicle as standard and a Vehicle Stability Control that averages 4WS/ESD brakes with traction and stability assist.

The CT200h works perfectly as a halfway house technology of sorts that bridges the gap between the cars of restriction and the possible cars of the future. It has very low emission, very efficient power and low consumption, the metal hybrid battery is charged by regenerative means (via coasting and braking at about 30 meters of driving), and doesn't require

a large supporting infrastructure for battery charging and the like. That it is surprisingly fun to drive aside the dual engine carrying a hefty price tag. Make no mistake, it's a Lexus through and through with its comfort and refinement. Yet it offers a driving experience that is engaging and enjoyable, which can't be said for all Lexus cars. Sure it's expensive, but a Lexus isn't for everyone. I never got to try it out of town, but fuel economy was a good 11 km/liter in purely city driving. Now that's having your cake and eating it too!

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SOMEBODY's the name (and of course its business), that's what the trail reminds any journalist given the chance to test drive the Trailblazer.

THE TRAILBLAZER boasts a higher ride control that optimizes the wheels' front braking force to the braking effort of the engine on efficient surfaces

Blazing the hot Bangkok trail

By Chapin Medina

IT'S NOT exactly the most hard-core brute on the block, but it sure would get the job done. That about summed up the all-new Chevrolet Trailblazer, the hot-hued latest vehicle manufacturing company's latest entry in the SUV/Crossover category.

Scheduled for distribution in the Philippines in the last quarter of the year, the Trailblazer is going through the pre-sale work-ups, including a pre-promised two-day test drive for the media that started with a run through Bangkok evident business district's chaotic traffic mob, and then moving on to the wide open spaces of Thailand's northern rugged hinterlands.

For Filipino journalists assured for lunch at Lung Chiabchai, a famous 40-farmer progressive agricultural enclave that hosts cattle and produces dairy products for the Thai market. Also at the separate are rough roads and steep mountainside that are sternly challenges to any decent farm vehicle.

The adventurous was reserved for the road test. In a pickup, Chevrolet carved out a rough track to put the Trailblazer through some interesting paces, uneven deep trails that ran the dirt roll 40 degrees, steep climbs of 35-odd degrees, dirt, road crossing, tall rough grasses and unbridled logs and sharp turning maneuvers on climbing and descending ground.

At any of the rough parts, the Trailblazer easily made it, thanks to its uncommon ground clearance of 207 mm (205 mm if 4-speed auto) with 14-inch wheels and high approach and departure angles (31 degrees front, 26 degrees rear). Others from the road to wheels are approximately 292 mm, showing the planned torque of the Trailblazer and an elevation that is not "over-looked."

You could be misled into thinking just how genius these two are until you get to know what the Trailblazer is all about. For instance, it has an engine drag control that prevents the driven wheels from locking due to the braking effect of the engine on slippery surfaces when the driver suddenly takes the foot off the accelerator or rapidly shifts down a gear.

If the control unit detects that the driven wheels are slipping, the engine drag torque control system sends a signal to the engine control unit indicating that engine torque should be increased, until the driven wheels are once again turning in a way proportionate to the speed of the vehicle.

The cornering brake control is another feature that comes in handy when cornering. Brake pressure is individually varied between all four wheels in order to keep the vehicle stable, minimizing tendencies to overturn or understeer.

A hydraulic brake fade assist system automatically senses braking pressure to compensate for brake fade under repeated applications of heavy braking.

Think of the Chevrolet Trailblazer as a glamorized pick-up. Great as a rough-road workhorse, and yet refined enough as a family week-end SUV getaway

Hill ascents and descents

One of the best paddock is the adjacent hills, the Trail-Blazer was a smooth drive up and down the unpaved roads. The Duramax turbo-diesel engines promised passable power to the rear wheels via a five-speed manual (2.5-L; 2.8-L variant) or six-speed automatic transmission (2.8-L).

The six-speed automatic transmission comes with a drive or shift control, allowing for manual operation of all gears to any selection by the driver. The four-wheel-drive versions come in split in the front wheels via a new, two-speed electronically actuated part-time transfer case.

The transfer case features 2-high (rear-wheel-drive only), 4-high, 4-low (with a ratio of 2.61) and neutral positions, all selectable via a comp electronic switch at the bottom of the center console behind the gearshift. The transfer case also has an electrically lubricant stopping the vehicle from 20 to 40 mph) and features drive-in input bearing for improved tolerance to shaft misalignment for smoother and quieter transmission.

The Trailblazer also has an impressive hill descent control that allows a smooth and controlled hill descent in rough terrain without the driver needing to touch the brake pedal.

Depression of a button on the console enables the vehicle to descend using the ABS to control each wheel's speed. If the vehicle accelerates without input, the system will automatically apply the brakes to slow down to the desired vehicle speed.

On the other hand, the hill start assist prevents the vehicle from rolling backwards for 2 seconds to pull away on an uphill gradient, emulating a "handbrake hill start" manual-transmission that drivers are familiar with.

The system engages automatically when a gradient of three percent or more is detected, and aids to hold the vehicle stationary for two seconds after the brake is released to give the driver time to apply throttle.

Towing power

And finally, to demonstrate just how much pulling power the Trailblazer had, we were asked to maneuver the vehicle with a horse-cart in tow. With its body-on-frame (BOF) architecture, the vehicle takes on the toughness and durability of a truck, while providing for better refinement and enhanced interior space.

A BOF construction also allows the Trailblazer to have a towing capacity of up to 3,498 kg (for the 2.8L variant) while the 2.5L variant yields a 2,500 kg definitely something that your ordinary SUV with a unitary-type architecture cannot.

A BOF construction also allows for better off-road capability and durability by virtue of the architecture's rougher qualities.

PULLING power comes easily considering the Trailblazer with a horse-cart in tow.

READY for rugged off-road conditions but equally well-mannered for city and long distance road trips

According to Mattia Agbit, president of GM Southeast Asia, the Trailblazer was designed to become what the all-new Chevrolet Colorado utilities pickup truck is: a highly skilled team of GM engineers, who used their expertise to add passenger vehicle attributes to the outdoor truck architecture.

"The Trailblazer is strong and capable. Ready for rugged-off-road conditions but equally well-mannered for city and long distance road trips. It will be built in Thailand, and soon dealer to any one of the rest of the world. It is yet another world-class Chevrolet product that demonstrates the capability, commitment and attention to detail of our dedicated Thai workforce," Agbit said.

"True to its name, the Trailblazer will blaze the trail for new Chevrolet vehicles coming into the market. It has been built tough to offer Chevrolet customers everything they need from a heavy-duty SUV," he added.

On the trail

Before proclamation of the Trailblazer started, it was agreed that unlimited on some of the best highways, in addition to the present road conditions and toughest terrain, around the world.

While a large portion of testing and validation was done in Australia, the Trailblazer was also tested and validated in Thailand to enhance the SUV's suitability to him. Clearly the Trailblazer has been developed as much for Thailand and the Southeast Asian region as it has been for the rest of the world.

Pricing, colors and trim levels of the Trailblazer will be announced closer to the launch of the vehicle in the Philippines, according to Jun Bueno, senior vice president and director for marketing and customers services division of Chevrolet Philippines-The Covenant Co. Inc. The vehicle is expected to be positioned against similar leaders Mitsubishi's Montero and Toyota's Fortuner 4x4, both of some height (ex).

EVEN with a heavy load, the Trailblazer can take you home to a place where you belong.

Good and bad signs for the local automotive industry

I RECENTLY attended the press conference launching the Fourth Philippine International Motorshow (PIMS), organized by the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines and to be held on August 16 to 29. A total of 13 car companies were represented in the event, including BMW, Kia, Mercedes-Benz, Chevrolet, Dodge, Jeep, Toyota, Lexus, Isuzu, Suzuki, Honda, Subaru, JMC and Mitsubishi.

While there is a variety of cars to see in the country, there is only one main and industry show focusing on brand-new, OEM equipped cars for future inbox, which is the PIMS. Less enthusiast here and more for the manufacturers in fact, especially for consumers and industry watchers.

Others are enthusiast events that feature a lot of modified, customized, tuned and even race cars, that can not normally be available for sale in the country.

Both a degree following the Department of Tourism's "It's More Fun in the Philippines," PIMS 2012 has adopted Thriving "Its Fun" as its own slogan. The event advocates two primary things: the renewed development of the Motor Vehicle Development Program, which aims to increase competitiveness of the automobile industry and affordability for the mass market as well as the advocacy of environment-friendly motoring called My Drive is Green.

But what was interesting is that a day prior to the Ganap press conference, Ford Group Philippines announced their pull-out from the manufacturing and assembly of Ford-badged vehicles in the Philippines in line with an overall global restructuring program aimed at increasing efficiency for the struggling global player. Sales, marketing and distribution of Ford and Mazda vehicles will indeed continue, but 250 F&P employees will lose their jobs with the closure of the factories in Santa Rosa, Laguna.

And yet, the rest of the automakers present were still upbeat in their forecast of the motoring industry for 2012 and beyond, citing a large number of reasons such as steady growth and demand of the Philippine economy brought about by direct foreign investments, fiscal policy changes, a stricter policy and enforcement on smuggling and the need car improvement has to well as, plus the all-important OFW remittances which drive up public consumption particularly in real estate and automotive sales.

I asked them whether we shall see vehicles entering our country being able to give a better value, and which are also more efficient and more enjoyable product for the masses. Toyota's president, Michael de Guzman politely answered, saying that prices, as well as long-term maintenance costs are a balance manufacturers try to maintain with regard to selling cars with better safety equipment in particular. Although, for example, should be charged 1-3 years from the manufacturing date in order for them to remain affordable, yet cost an astonishing $600 dollars each pursuing vicious online price shows. Surely the cost is not something to be taken lightly, but for a 5-7 year old car will want to be saddled with. But surely as well, small things like standard fog lamps and auxiliary driving lamps, stronger alloy wheels with better all-season tires aren't too much to ask to be made standard in all cars?

Ganap president Rommel Gutierrez also noted that there are still opportunities to be made for entrepreneurs in the motoring industry, particularly in the supply side of original equipment for manufacturers. Small items like Bosch, tires, batteries, electronic accessories and the like cannot be ended. But of course, they all need to pass the standards set forth by car manufacturers.

Ganap sees a 9-percent growth in overall vehicle sales this year, an issue's overall sales were artificially low due to the Fukushima incident and the flooding in Thailand, but other sources expect an even higher growth rate, as much as 12 percent.

In the long-term, Ganap hopes that PIMS will grow into a major trade attracting event itself, much like the Tokyo Motor Show which attracts over a million people to its event every two years, making it the biggest car show in terms of attendance worldwide. The will take time of course, but if Ganap and the number-six manufacturers are able to come up with an event that displays various concept cars, regional releases and home-brand-like, I can't see it not happening someday soon.

Let's hope there will be more manufacturers coming into the country, as this will show trust and commitment to our automobile industry and the buying public. After months of dry smiles and the silent treatment, word is out that Ford Cars has decided to pull out, and is shutting the last brand of mass-produced luxury vehicles under the Volkswagen Group, it already has Audi, Porsche and Lamborghini in its stable. But what about Volkswagen itself? Lotus Cars have also threatened to take with a local dealership and a major player in the industry. A deal is set to be made soon, when it is for the financial troubles Lotus is undergoing at the moment. I'd be positioned Volkswagen to follow Ford. Perhaps the new Beetle or even the Bora will come as well.

Never waiting to favor what the Association of Vehicle Importers and Distributors, which is a brand new group from Ganap, will say and do.

Shock, sadness and frustration at Ford's announcement

ON THE ROAD

Aldo Sarille-Honduco

(Part 2 of 2)

Will it be a case of perfect timing? The day before the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. (Campi) hosted a media primer on its forthcoming 4th Philippine International Motor Show (PIMS), Ford Group Philippines (FGP) announced that it would close its assembly plant in Sta. Rosa, Laguna, by year's end.

Ford's shocking announcement made headlines in the business sections of newspapers on June 28, the day after a press briefing where Ford Asean president Peter Fleet said that the closure of the plant was due to the restructuring of the company's regional manufacturing operations as well as the lack of economies of scale and an adequate automotive supply base in the Philippines.

Of course, FGP quickly added that the plant closure will not affect Ford dealer showrooms, vehicle availability or customer service, which will right all new Ford vehicles to be manufactured by 2013 and 12 new Ford dealerships to be opened nationwide.

Impact. Nonetheless, FGP's pledge to continue and even expand Ford sales and service does not diminish the impact of the impending plant closure. Campi showroom and off-line suppliers of Ford parts but Fiesta, Asia 26, as journalists peppered them with questions about Ford. Campi president Rommel Gutierrez, a lawyer and vice president of Toyota Motor Philippines, gamely replied to my question about the timing of Ford's announcement that he did not think it was malicious, reasoning that FGP did not know about Campi's scheduled PIMS primer that day.

Ironically, Campi distributed a bulletin press release last Friday claiming that "the timing of the 4th PIMS could not have been better" since the 10.5 percent year-to-date growth in sales registered in May "is a clear sign that the industry is on the road to recovery and is achieving its targets in the industry road map... With the increased sense of new car models, improved supply conditions, sustained consumer confidence and the country's thriving economy, we at Campi are confident that the local automotive industry will attain our 2012 vision for the Philippines to be a competitive manufacturing hub of motor vehicles and parts and components, serving both the domestic and export markets."

Targets. In the same optimistic press release, the industry organization of 13 car companies and affiliates cited the road map targets that it expects to achieve by 2016: 1. increase production capacity 200,000 units from the current 134,205 units as of May 2012; 2. increase domestic OEM sales to 195,000 units; 3. maintain localization levels to 60% at least 40 percent; 4. export 30,000 vehicles; 5. increase parts export to $1.5 billion from $1.0 billion as of mid-2011.

Now, Campi has had to issue a more subdued statement regarding Ford's announcement and noting that Ford is an incorporator and active member of the Philippine Automotive Competitiveness Council Inc. (Pacci) but not a member of Campi. "The industry will maintain its sales and production levels just for the year until Campi will re-calibrate its targets in view of Ford's announcement, especially as 'old' local manufacturing," Gutierrez said, adding that Campi will continue to work with the government to maintain the viability of the sector industry, particularly in enhancing the competitiveness of producing motor vehicles locally.

Pacci, which was founded in March 2009 by the Motor Vehicle Parts Manufacturing Association of the Philippines (MVPMAP), FGP, Honda Cars Philippines, Isuzu Philippines Corp., Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corp. and Toyota Motor Philippines Corp., is chaired by MVPMAP chairman emeritus Felicisimo Tecson, with Toyota Motor Philippines chief executive Michimoto Ingola as president.

Sobbered. Since Tecson was out of the country, Ingola responded to my request for a statement by saying that Pacci "is saddened by Ford's announcement that it will cease local OEM production next year. Ford is a major player in the automobile industry and has been making an active role in Pacci. [So,] we will remain steadfast in its advocacy to strengthen the competitiveness of key manufacturers of vehicles and its members will continue to have strong collaboration between the auto industry and the government to formulate relevant policies and programs to put to better than other countries aimed at sustaining the viability of local manufacturers of vehicles."

SHOCK ALL

Sneak Peek: Sharper, smarter 2012 Ford Focus

By Jason K. Ang

What is it. The latest version of Ford's compact hatchback and sedan offerings, made sharper, larger and much smarter.

Design. The new Focus incorporates the company's kinetic design language, as first seen on the Fiesta. The new car features an arrow-shaped profile, sharp creases along the hood and front fenders, and on the doors. The sedan also dramatically, both to improve aerodynamics and to give an impression of speed. Ford hopes you like triangles, as they're prominent on the front bumper and near the C-pillar. The trademark badge along the wheel arches are now integrated more smoothly flowing outside lamps on the doors and along the rear fenders. Generally, it's worth noting that, unlike its previous Ford, the sedan looks just as good as the hatchback. Under the skin is a more-rigid inboard with higher-strength boron steel, to cut weight and increase stiffness.

The interior carries a similarly sharper, but unexpected design, with the dashboard, gauges, and even the air vents looking like something from Tony Stark's cheating board. Ford promises high-quality materials throughout and distinctive cabin lighting will be available controlling soundly, even safely to more expensive cars.

Engine and transmissions. Focus will reportedly feature a 2.0-liter gasoline direct-injection four-cylinder engine, paired with the six-speed dual clutch transmission. Another technology unique to this class is torque vectoring, where the car selectively more torque and/or braking power to either the front wheels, to improve handling and overall maneuverability.

Suspension. Our test when the Focus was years ahead of its rivals was not supple yet taut suspension. The new Focus mainly keeps the MacPherson strut front and unique control-blade independent rear suspension setup.

Positioning. It's been five years since the introduction of the iPhone and now everyone is familiar with the concept of a smartphone, Ford reckons that the Focus is a smart car, and thrives in a boatload of new technology. From the Sayhere, we know about front-view, which connects to one's phone for voice-command dialing. New Sharl has included several features unique to its class, which make it ahead of its time, too:

• Active City Stop: similar to motorbike redundancy Mitsubishi cars, while in slow-moving traffic. So the car can reverse in traffic in front and automatically applies the brakes to avoid a collision.

• Keyless go: you can lock and unlock the doors and start/stop the engine while keeping the transponder key in your pocket.

• Blind Spot Information System: warns the driver of vehicles hidden in the car's blind spots, as well as vehicles approaching traffic when backing out a slot.

• Active Park Assist: the electronic parking technology of the Focus, the car automatically steers into a parallel parking slot while the driver just manages the accelerator, gearshift, and brake. The system can reportedly slot the car into a space just 1.2 inches longer than the car. Novice drivers and babysitters!

Built in: Thailand. With the closure of the Philippines plant in Sta. Rosa (See separate story), used Ford vehicles will be imported from our Asean neighbor.

In the company of (car) gods

By Charles E. Bahar

MARANELLO, ITALY—This northern town which has been the home base of Ferrari since 1943, is a study in contrast.

Still a few hours before arriving at the factory compound, the scenic seaside sun shade bus window was just spectacular: Large bales of hay in the foreground, massed cornfields on far as the eye can see in one direction, and rows of cypress trees lining a road to a farmhouse to the other.

We felt as if we are part of an Italian countryside movie scene. And I won't help matters my excitement knowing that at the far end of the road lies one of the world's most technologically-advanced automobile factories on the planet.

For me, this is Mount Olympus, the home of the gods who gave us some of the most coveted—if not the hardest to get—sports cars in the world.

The company's founder, Enzo Ferrari, was feared in more here 100 years ago after his old workshop in the nearby city of Modena became one of the casualties of incessant bombings (it was the height of World War II).

Three years later, in 1947, the Maranello workshop rolled out the 1.3-litre, V12 powered 125 Sport, the first of many iconic sports cars that Ferrari will create.

Leave cameras behind

Ferrari people are quite passionate—and secretive—about their work; a reason why we were asked to leave our digital cameras and mobile phones in the shuttle bus.

As we entered the factory's Via Abetone Inferiore gate, I noticed something different. I was hoping to find a Ferrari in almost every employee's parking space. There's none. Not even an '80s Testarossa or a Mondial.

In fact, during the whole afternoon that we toured by more than 30-hectare facility I only glimpsed a handful of Ferraris. Those that are still being assembled on the line (Californias and 599s) and those that are inside the Ferrari Classiche and Corse Clienti departments (where some of the most important Ferrari cars are kept and cared for).

The one that I did enjoy up close was the lone yellow 458 Italia displayed at the factory's Atelier (this area is like a dressing room, where the Ferrari clients, with the assistance of a team of experts, could complete-ly personalize the car, right down to the stitching on the leather interior and the color of the brake calliopers).

PHD camera allowed inside, some of the world's luckiest employees work here

Not ordinary

Indeed, Ferrari is no ordinary car manufacturer and no product that came out of its Maranello plant is ordinary.

In fact, the Italian super sports car giant delivered just over 6,500 units last year, a figure that would alarm any shareholder if not for the fact that Ferrari intentionally keeps production low (to ensure the brand's exclusivity).

Besides, despite the fact that Ferraris are regarded as one of the world's most expensive cars, the waiting lists remained notoriously long.

Realization

After the factory tour, I came to understand why.

As explained by our guide at the tour, every worker here signs off on the piece of work they execute, which means the employee takes full ownership of the task taken up and work delivered—much like how artists would sign their masterpieces.

Mike Evans, Shell's Fuels Project leader for Ferrari, further explained that since 1997, Ferrari began an initiative (called formula Uomo) that aims to provide its staff with the best possible working conditions.

"Ferrari's aim was to develop an innovative factory by creating a well-organized, ecological environment that would occasionally stimulate and motivate those who work here," Evans said. Because the factory doors are reserved for Ferrari clients and official sponsor, it was Shell which provided our group access).

The guide further explained that in order achieve the best performance from employees, Ferrari constructed the whole complex that now combines carefully designed lighting systems, green areas (there are hundreds of trees along the roads around the factory), a new restaurant, climate control, noise damping, and special measures aimed at reducing environment impact, with advanced technologies.

"You could acquire or develop the best components, build the most advanced car factory but you will still need the most passionate and committed employees in order to create the world's most desirable sports cars," Evans attested.

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MVPHMO president Ferdinand Raquiza was more pragmatic about Ford's announcement. MVPHMO holds office in the Singalong, Manila building of Salas-Tanco Manufacturing Inc. In an email to me, Raquiza-tanco said: "This is really frustrating for everyone, especially for the auto parts makers. All we pray is for Ford to still source their parts from us, particularly their current Philippine local parts suppliers. Saddest part is that we have invested a lot in our manufacturing facility including the cost of getting certification for QS9000, ISO 14001, TS 16949 and Manual Management Operations Guidelines. This will definitely affect our operations and corresponding lay-offs will happen."

How we wish. "The sentiments of our members is that they don't think serious efforts were really done to convince Ford to stay. We feel that there should have been a higher level of intervention, say from our President Aquino, to courting them to reconsider their assembly operations. How are with them could still be some intiga left to pull them back.

"We hope that we learned something from this loss and GD does not give any negative perception in our auto industry. We should continue to support other OE assemblers and make their stay viable and competitive."

So it looks like the closure of Ford's assembly plant will have a ripple effect on the nation's economy. Aside from the 200 remaining factory workers of FQE some auto parts employers will lose their jobs, dealing a blow to the country's aspirations to become a regional auto manufacturing hub.

Conclusion: next week: the F13 and 4x10 react.

Audi wins International Engine of the Year Award anew

By Alvin Uy

FOR THE third year in a row, 75 motoring journalists around the world voted the Audi 2.5-litre TFSI engine as the "International Engine of the Year 2012" in the 2-litre to 2.5-litre category.

Citing its excellent torque range, the juicier value cast them votes in favor of this engine said it has "a gorgeous sound which is a stand out in any crowd."

The 2.5-liter TSFI engine is being used in the Audi RS 3 Sportback, TT RS Coupe and Roadster versions that feature both a turbocharger and FSI gasoline direct injection, considered as the brand's core technologies.

The Audi TT RS Coupe and Roadster models were recently introduced internationally and has a displacement of 2,480 cc that has a peak power output of 265 kW (360 hp) and peak torque of 465 Nm (343 lb-ft). That propels the car from 0 to 100 kph (62 mph) in 4.1 seconds for the Coupe, and a tad slower for the Roadster with 4.2 seconds.

The TFSI engine is also available in the RS 3 Sportback, but even with the same displacement of 2,480 cc, this engine only produces 250 kW (340 hp) between 5,400 and 6,500 rpm and gives a peak torque of 450 Nm (332 lb-ft) from 1,600 to 5,300 rpm.

This takes the RS 3 Sportback 4.6 seconds to accelerate from 0 to 100 kph (62 mph) and is consequently a best-in-class performance figure. With a speed limiter, its governed top speed is 250 kph (155 mph).

This win also marks the eight's category win in a row at the International Engine of the Year Awards for Audi's TFSI technology. From the year 2005 to 2009, the Audi 2.0-liter TFSI engine also won several awards in the 1.8-liter to 2.0-liter category.

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LIFESTYLE Home&Entertaining

The American royal is a handyman: Or the Trumps' get-rich formula

Get your money's worth from Sun Cellular Plan 350

In the realm of mobile telecommunications, it has always been a battle between which network provider offers the best deals that give subscribers the most value for their money, down to the last centavo. No doubt, Sun Cellular continues to blaze the trail and dominate both the prepaid and postpaid categories with a wide range of attractive offers that compete with other networks.

One of the most popular postpaid plans from Sun is the Plan 350, a significantly affordable plan that appeals to hundreds of thousands of subscribers many of whom have switched to Sun Cellular because of its features.

Sun Plan 350 definitely packs a punch as it offers unlimited Sun calls and texts. This feature alone already gives subscribers more than enough bonuses due to the cap or limit in the number of minutes or SMS one can consume in a month. So you can send as many text messages as you want or call 24/7 for a fixed price of only P350 a month.

In addition, Plan 350 comes with free 250 texts to other networks – that's more than enough text allocation for the average SMS user. The free texts also equate to big savings for the consumers because it eliminates the cost other networks charge when a subscriber sends text messages outside of their network provider.

Sun Cellular also complements its Plan 350 with a free smartphone, a handsome bonus that gives subscribers the full mobile experience beyond calling and texting.

Service-wise, Sun sets the standard for reliable connectivity and network coverage made possible by its over 6,000 cell sites spread out across the country. This significant number accounts for Sun's far-reaching presence in Metro Manila and key provinces. Subscribers can always rely on a strong signal and uninterrupted connection wherever they may be, thanks to Sun's aggressive expansion plans and strategic partnership with the PLDT-Smart Group.

In contrast, other networks selling similar plans at P888 a month have to offer with only "unlimited" texts and a free phone. These plans are only good for subscribers partial to texting and utilize the same as their primary mode of communication. But what about those who need more than unlimited SMS? Other networks offer customers the option to customize their plans plus with add-ons as a way to "control" their budget. Ironically, these add-on features such as unlimited calls could easily translate to additional expense for the subscriber on top of the monthly subscription fee.

Sun Plan 350 truly delivers on its promise of affordable telecommunications for the Filipino consumer. And with the network's steady efforts in rolling up even new and exciting products in the market, it doesn't come as a surprise that Sun Cellular remains to be the top-of-mind choice for many subscribers.

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The American royal is a handyman: Or the Trumps' get-rich formula

He has worked his way up the Trump Organization over the past 10 years, earning several jobs, even headlines. Now he's working with Donald Trump to run the White House and change the country's direction

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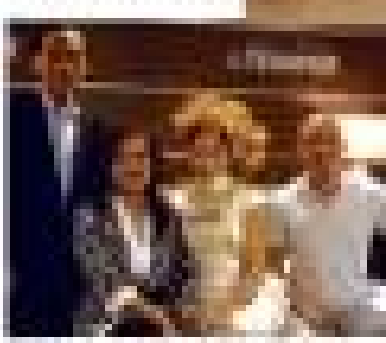

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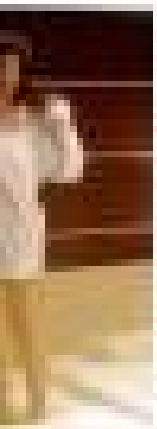

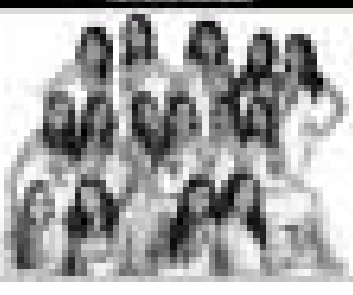

Now it's time to make sure bus drivers, conductors are qualified

Bus operators, please teach your drivers how to read road signs!

THE CONSUMER
Linda B. Bolido

STARTING THIS month, bus drivers and conductors will be paid regular salaries, instead of commissions from every trip they complete.

Hopefully, this will be enforced strictly so fights and other major tools will no longer be race courses for drivers trying to beat each other—literally sometimes, and to death, if necessary—to get to every single commuter lining the route.

Hopefully, too, now that they have to pay monthly wages, bus operators will be more careful in choosing people who will operate those big machines. What a driver's license says of a person's ability should be put to the test. Being able to get a bus in and out of the terminal does not mean he/she is capable of operating that vehicle on public roads. But he/she knows what traffic signs and signals and those painted lines on streets mean.

A friend's harrowing experience in the province has me thinking that was the right way to drive—the driver should be under the car.

As I have said before, many Filipinos think they can drive a motor vehicle if they can turn on its engine and get it in and out of the garage. They also think that being able to drive a private means they can drive anything with an engine—a bus, a truck with or without a trailer, heavy equipment machinery and, if they get a chance, probably even a train and an airplane.

People are issued licenses even if they cannot read road signs. I once suspected drivers can hardly read. Just look at the way they ignore one-way, no-entry and other signs.

Feedback

A reader wants to call the attention of the operator of Ashton Taxi with license plate UNT 334, whose driver was extremely rude. She says she took the taxi on June 29 and asked to be brought to Pasig Line in Santa Ana, Manila, a place she is unfamiliar with. When she could not give him directions, the driver started yelling at her and told her to get out of the taxi. Although she says she did not say anything bad, he told her she should not treat drivers with disdain because they actually had more money than her.

The reader hopes government agencies—the Land Transportation Office, Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA), Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board, whichever office should have jurisdiction over the case—will do something. She adds, "Why can't MMDA step in to help passengers take action against erring and rude drivers?"

I allow comment Director Vicente Mario A. Diñagdia of the Department of Trade and Industry's Bureau of Trade Regulation and Consumer Protection for immediately acting on complaints from consumers. Government agencies actually do not have to threaten or step out like a heroic avenger to "instantaneously" solve problems. A letter to the erring agency asking them to reply to citizens' complaints already puts them on notice that someone is watching.

Most consumers simply want acknowledgment that their complaints is being heard and attended to even if the answer is not what they want to hear. Unfortunately, many establishments would not even give you the courtesy of a reply. I e-mailed the service centers of electric fan manufacturers Lasko and Hanabishi but never got a response. I was not even complaining. I only wanted information.

Global Destiny Cable announced that clients could e-mail them to tell for topics of new programs and channels. After more than a month, I still have to hear from them.

Send letters to The Consumer, Lifestyle Section, Philippine Daily Inquirer, 5th Floor, Inquirer.net Building, 931 Chino Roces Ave. cor. Bonanza and Tejeron Sts., 1204 Makati City; fax 8974793-94; or e-mail lbolido@inquirer.com.ph.

PHILIPPINE Educational Theater Association—Gigo "Boss" and "Willaso"

Eugene Domingo in Peta's 'Bona'

FOR ITS 2012 theater season, the Philippine Educational Theater Association (Peta) presents "Bona," a contemporary adaptation of the film by National Artist Peta founding member Lino Brocka. It runs from Aug. 23 to Sept. 23 at Peta Theater, 5 Ermin Garcia, New Manila, Quezon City.

The play is about Bona, a spendthrift call-center agent who becomes a fan of Gina Gatchet, a celebrity with a philanthropic background. In her desire to help Gina jump-start her show biz career, she gives her everything she has and loses her bank on everything she values.

Eugene Domingo and Edgar Allan Gonzales star. Soon Chiangco directs. Written by Lutha Dantes, with music by Teresa Barrozo.

"Willaso" will run from July 27 to 29. The musical reimagines a youth with the beauty of Shakespeare's works and reinvents the Bard using rap rhythm and hip-hop beats. Martiel Lagarde directs. Written by Run Cayetano, with music by Jeff Hernandez.

"Mga Kuwento ni Lola Basyang" will be staged on Oct. 5–14. Phil Noble directs. Written by Christine Bellen, with music by Noel Cabangon.

Also watch out for "Batang Rizal" (Aug. 3–12); Agnes Locsin's choreographed work "Yano" (Sept. 28); Chiangco's concert "Isang Bagsak"; Roward de Jesus' "Rimala" (The Concert), and Storybook Theater for Education Project's "Bobbit", "Take 1" concert series, and "Cinderalaya Retrospective," which will feature the hand sheet, and full-length Filipino productions by Dimmalaya in the years' five years.

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Ryan Cayabyab Singers show in Music Museum

The Ryan Cayabyab Singers celebrate their fifth year in the music business with the concert, "RCS 7" on July 7, 7:30 p.m., at the Music Museum. It is an "Rnb and Beyond" by Tito Arao, with Cayabyab as musical director. Performers include Aiza Seguerra, Kutch Fiesara, Pepper Barnedes, Celine Pialago, Erwin Lacsa, V.J. Ocho and Vince Lim.

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What's Up

Egai Sai film festival in Manila, Cebu, Davao

Enjoy free screenings of contemporary Japanese films in July and August at the 2012 Egai Sai. Thriller fest kicks off on July 6 with an exclusive screening of "Villain" at Shang Cineplex, Mandaluyong.

"Villain" is a gritty social drama directed by Lee Sang-il, director of the multi-award film "Hula Girls." Eri Fukatsu, who won the Best Actress Award at the Montreal World Film Festival 2010 and Asian Academy Prize 2011, plays a woman on the run with a murderer.

Other films are "Kiki's Delivery Service," "Barberry," "Happy Flight," "Tomorrow's Joe," "In the Chart," "Ekiben Hot," "Moxza and Secret," "Permanent Workers," and "Rainbow Kids."

All films will be shown in 35mm format with English subtitles.

Screening venues are at Shang Cineplex Cinema 4—July 3–13, Gaisano South Citymall, Davao City—July 20–22; Ayala Center Cinema 4, Cebu City—Aug. 7–12; SM Mall Cinema, SC—Aug. 15–21.

Egai Sai is presented by Japan Foundation, Manila; Embassy of Japan, Shangri-La Plaza Mall, SM Cebu Institute, Inc.; Davao Development Council of the Philippines, Glob-TreCity.com, NET 25 TV. Visit www.jfmo.org.ph or call 8116155 to 58.

Aki & Kamiko concert series

Guitar and koto Japanese duo Aki & Kamiko will have series of shows in celebration of the the Philippines-Japan Friendship Month. Aki & Kamiko are musicians Hiroaki Sasaki and Kamiko Shiota who specializes in playing ancient Japanese instruments. They will perform on July 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Alkaraba Hall of SPI College of Music, QC; July 14, 7 p.m., at Conspiracy Garden Café, QC; July 16, at the University of the Cordilleras Theater, Baguio City; July 20, 6:45 p.m., at the Jazz n' Blue Bar and Restaurant, Cebu City; and July 21, 4 p.m., at the Activity Center of Ateneo Center Cebu.

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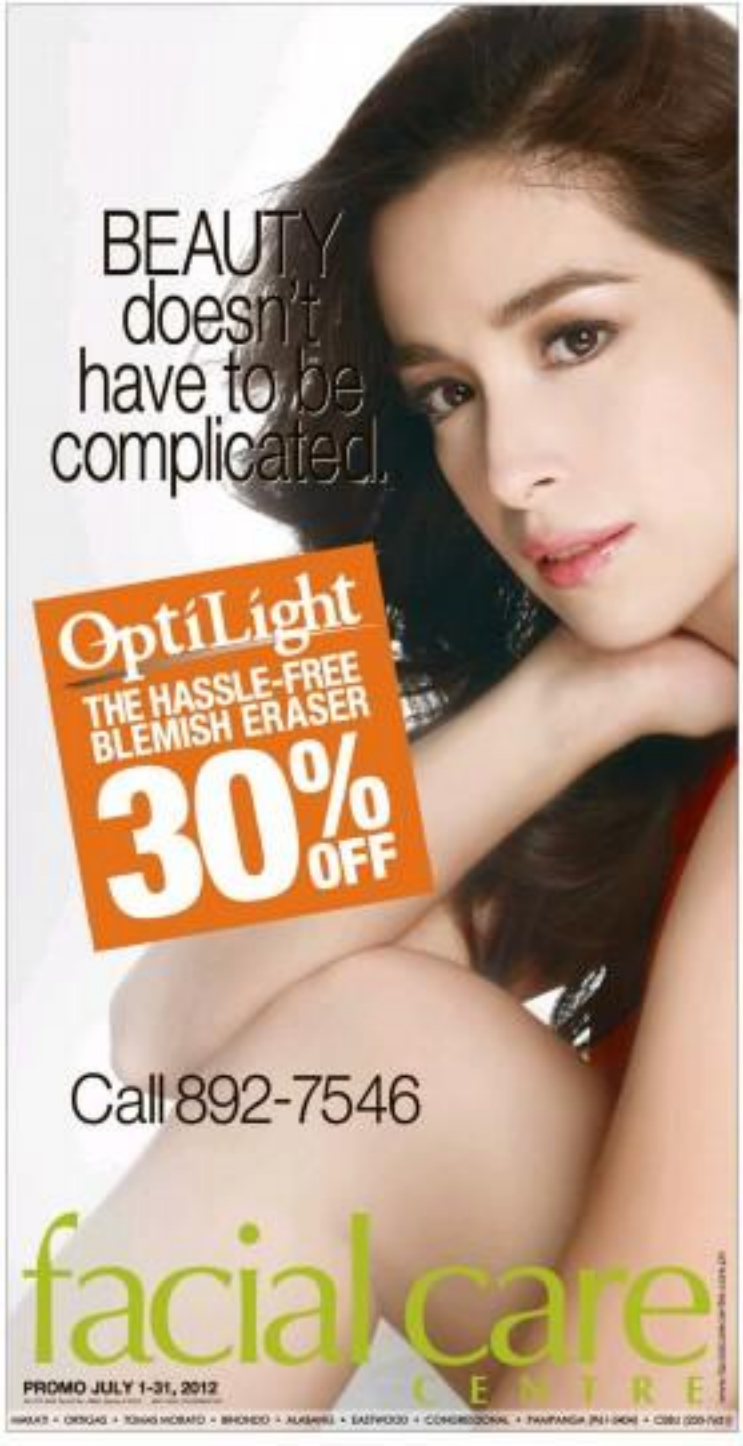

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A precise spectrum of light is transmitted through a small handpiece gently placed over the skin, effectively and painlessly diminishing freckles, age spots, scars and facial redness. It also reduces wrinkles and melasma, and addresses collagen loss. One treatment session lasts between 20 to 30 minutes.

What results can I expect from OptiLight?

Your blemishes will be erased. Skin will be rejuvenated and perfected – brighter, clearer, even-toned, and spotless. After your program, you'll finally be able to go powder or concealer free!

"I feel more beautiful when I don't put much on my face, it's less complicated that way."

– Shalani Soledad-Romulo

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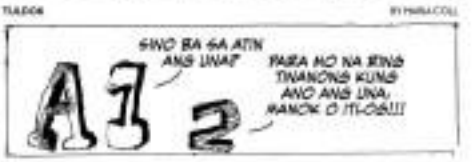

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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. Tips and programs at www.sudoku.com

Concepts Sudoku — By Dave Green

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Answers to previous puzzle

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14 Mountain ridge nearby
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16 Cuddle
17 Cotton-on-a-stalk item
18 Common contraction
19 Public transportation
20 Ignore
21 Cleaning tools
23 Dumpling
24 Ten thousand or cockroach's admiration
28 Log coverings
29 Tiny bit
31 Peevish look
32 Mexican tobacco, slow
33 Ms. Johnson
34 Ancient Egyptians, for one
40 Fancy Nancy's reader
41 Small appliance
42 Color a new lawn
43 Takes surface ornament
44 Aunt Nancy book from a demographics unit
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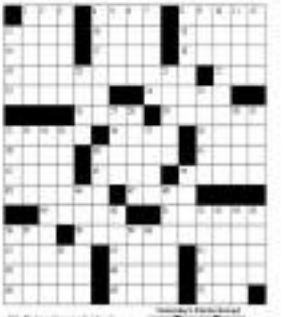

PARENTS TALK: RAISING A TEENER

'Take your time, be your age'—Mikee to 19-year-old Milka

MIKEE Romero with daughter Milka at the latter's debut last year.

HOW DOES one raise a teenager, a talented and driven teenager?

"Both as hard and as easy as raising a teenager," said businessman Mikee Romero.

Mikee and Sheila Romero have four children, the eldest of whom is Milka who just turned 19. The others are Miguel, 16; Mandy, 13; Sumi, 7.

According to Mikee, this is how he and Sheila deal with their teenagers:

• "We let them express themselves. They must be vocal about how they feel. Communication is very important."

• "We give age-appropriateness so they learn to be independent."

• "We talk about their friends, relationships. We must know who their friends are."

• "Discipline. Curfew at 11 p.m."

Mikee says, "It's a challenge to adjust to their thoughts. They think they're all big. It's a triumph every time they understand you. We tell them, 'Take your time, be your age, there'll be lots of time later on for things you want to do.'"

SHEILA and Mikee Romero, with children Milka, Miguel, Mandy and Sumi, during Milka's debut.

RICHARD Gomez with bride Lucy and daughter Juliana, posing for their camera before the Eiffel Tower. The Gomezes were in Paris two weeks ago to visit the Repreks show factory upon the invitation of Bench.

PARENTS TALK: RAISING AN ONLY CHILD

No baby talk—Richard and Lucy's formula

JULIANA GOMEZ, the 13-year-old only child of show biz's royal couple Richard and Lucy Gomez, can be both precocious, curious yet prim and proper and courteous. She can carry on an adult conversation. When at social lunch or dinner, she obviously doesn't only listen but feed, she also contributes her perspective.

She's role playing and learning the fables like her father.

More important, she doesn't act like a spoiled brat.

How does one raise an only child without making her into a spoiled brat?

"Even when she was a baby, we didn't baby-talk her," said Lucy.

"When she was turning 3, so early on that, we set her down. We told her we were bringing her to Tiny Kingdom. We told her it would be a very big place, full of toys. She ran go around, we said—but she can get only one. So she had to choose one ride."

"We just have to try to be very consistent," said Richard.

MOMMA Allegro, Ann Revel, Joanna Palanta

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Sexy outfits that give women a cold are a hit with men

THE VERY POPULAR Monterey meat shop is now present in our island paradise Boracay. Its popular domestic dabilings

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Mauricio Arracibo

its grand opening was graced by San Miguel Foods Inc. president Ildefonso "Inday" Ferrer, Abigail Yap, wife of Boracay Mayor John Yap, and Vice Mayor Carlitos Cruzading.

The grandiose happening was kicked off by a motorcade led by 8-Wag. Limusine unit manager Alvin Fabricante and a drum and bugle corps. Sacramento and residents alike were thrilled to see their old Pantranco-ex chose ranga.

Unique highlight of the month was the meat-cutting ceremony. Doing the honor was Palatsak and Albert Bread, owner of the shop. The cut revealed an embossed letter "M" in the meat, meaning Monterey list of names.

"A world-class beach like Boracay deserves exciting fare that's the premium meat that is Monterey," Bread said to much applause.

For her part, Palatsak said, "Monterey's mission is providing the best meat with the highest quality and standards, and it is now available in Boracay."

The famous meat shop, said Bread, "will push Monterey's drive for the past six years—'Kaon Kot Mas!' (KOM) campaign, which supports the classic Meat Inspection Service's "Grilled is Fresh, Grilled is Safe" campaign, now in

"The KOM advocacy aims to increase awareness on the safety of the meat we buy, from the breeding of the animals to proper slaughtering, and blast chilling process, to tell it is laid in the—literally—down the line crossing customs on hygiene, sanitation and safety of the meat we buy," said Ursula Santiago-Legaspi.

Then it was time to sit up and take notice of San Miguel Purefoods Culinary Center chefs, who gave practical kitchen tips and yummy recipes.

Capping the night was an awesome live-wonks display pulongpot.

JUNNA Cantos, Pauline Guevarra Juan, Daryl Chang

GIRL TEEN segment of SM Ladies Fashion event

New fashion collection

It was an awesome rainbow of gorgeous colors that dazzled fashion lovers when SM unveiled its latest Ladies' fashion collections during the end of Philippine Fashion Week at the SMX Convention Center, noted!

Getting rave reviews from fashion watchers was the four-part suite revealing resort, corporate, party and evening fashions.

Oozing with feminine panache, the casual resort line was a must to bold and bodycon prints in asymmetric shapes and eye-catching silhouettes, dabilings.

Corporate fashion consisted of electric suits and neutrals combos, which enhanced power dressing, while graphic, black and white prints added daytime drama.

Indulging from the aforesaid, the favorites were the tie-dye cocoon tops, tassel print trousers, black-and-white silhouette dresses and glittery Deco Fan collar tops paired with sexy lace hot pants. Wow!

The outfits were so sexy that somebody from the crowd remarked, "Those women who wear those fashion dresses that go down to their waist to catch the eye of the men, but most of the time all they catch is a cold."

Oops!

Moving on: One of the show's highlights were some instant fashion blogsters who took to the catwalk and presented a fitting

SM'S HERLEY Ty, SM Ladies Fashion Management Corp. vice president Charlene Ye Bunsai, actress Dimples Romana, Coco Liboon

ARNOLD Vegafria and Rhonda Marquez

ISABELLE Lao, Jenni Epperson, Dawn Zamora, Kate Torralba, Nyza Cornet, Grace Lee

DIVINE Lee and Victor Basa

BENOIT and second runner

CORPORATE runner

PILIPINO Flavor: Jim Ikamura, Jinny Salve

MITZI Lanot-Joel Arellano, Mila Yap

MONTEREY meat-cutting ritual by Boracay meatshop owner Albert Bread and San Miguel Foods Inc. president Taridi Palakpak

JOAN Mangin, Benin Agsan, Jojo Antonio, Bubbi Arcamia

MONTEREY'S Anna Mary with Pat Lim, Jong Jimenez and Phyllis Bangsan III

AA ACUNA, Bill Collings and Rosanna and Nick Cortes

LESLIE Dandan and Vicky Manuelan

ISABELLE Dana, Ferry Corcoran, Jan Uy

PADDOCER and innovator DJ Ferry Corcoran and wife Lia

RAYMOND Gutierrez, Gingging Jones—de la Merced, Pablo Ida, Nat Arce

ANGEL Ria Bolivar models the SM Ladies Fashion evening wear.

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Young Pinoy band in England

THE "KID-grunge" band Absolute Play composed of siblings Alvin, Mimi and Marielle Sanchanco, recently played its original songs at Queens Arts Biggar, a 200-year-old pub in England. Its debut 5-track EP has been released on www.reverbnation.com/ph. Proceeds go to the Little Hands Foundation as part of the band's Kids Helping Kids campaign. Visit Facebook.com/absolutepay.

CHEER FACTOR

"BAKO MGA Kabayan ni/Ronnie Lazaro" wins for its director, Sigfried Barros-Sanchez, the grand festival prize at the 1st Sinag Pambansa National Film Festival.

Indies seek gov't help

'A film, if not supported by an efficient marketing and distribution mechanism, would be useless and ineffective'

By Maricel R. Cruz

DAVAO City—Independent filmmakers said the issue of marketing and distribution has become such a big problem to most of them, prompting them to seek aid from the government.

Director Sigfried Barros Sanchez made the plea during the 1st Sinag Pambansa National Film Festival awards ceremony on Sunday night, when he was handed the grand festival prize for his film, "Ang Mga Kilimget ni Ronnie Lazaro."

"I wish filmmakers would get help not just in creating stories but also in marketing them," Sanchez said in his acceptance speech at Cinema 4 of Abreeza Ortigas Mall where the two-hour awards show was held. "It would be great if we could earn more because this would eventually encourage us to make more."

"I think the PDEF (Film Development Council of the Philippines) or the appropriate agencies under them," he added.

Sanchez dedicated his trophy to "the youth who all dream of being filmmakers. I look forward to seeing your works soon."

"Qiyamah" director Gutierrez Mangansakan II, who shared the grand jury prize with Eid Lejano ("Qiwey"), made the same appeal to the government. He said: "A film, no matter how beautiful, if not supported by an efficient marketing and distribution mechanism, would be useless and ineffective."

Mangansakan said he wanted "Qiyamah"—which was based on his love letter to his late mother—to put the spotlight on Film festivals abroad. He was also aiming to have the film, which talks of the Apocalypse or the end of days, shown in Muslim places outside the Philippines.

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"ICE AGE 4: Continental Drift"

Opening This Week

Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter

Directed by Timur Bekmambetov; stars Benjamin Walker, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Rufus Sewell, Anthony Mackie, Marton Csokas, Dominic Cooper

The 16th president of the United States (Walker) battles vampires, who seem to take over the country. Washington Post's Michael Gallucci notes: It's "both wickedly silly and a lot of fun." Los Angeles Times' Rossetti Yuzon remarks: "An exercise in delirious and repetitive overkill ... but the Bekmambetov stamp is very much on it."

Ice Age 4: Continental Drift

Directed by Michael Thurmeier; Steve Martino; with the voices of Ray Romano, Denis Leary, John Leguizamo, Queen Latifah, Jennifer Lopez, Nicki Minaj

As the continents break apart, prehistoric animals try to reunite with their loved ones. The Hollywood Reporter's Megan Lehmann thinks the "families, dimension clash ... lacks the subtlety of the first and best" of the franchise; Irish Times' Donald Clarke calls it "piece as well as unimaginative." Wendy Ide, writing for The Times, notes: "Despite impressive visuals and voice work, the harsh insolence feels unenjoyed and unnecessary." The movie opens tomorrow.

Instagramania part 2

HUSH Quinnlan: "Here I am in front of St. Basil's Cathedral at the Red Square in Moscow. Intricate details adorn the exterior and interior of this cathedral. There was even a male quartet that sang operatic religious songs that made me feel like I was in heaven. Feel so blessed to have the opportunity to travel to Moscow and St. Petersburg and feast my eyes on amazing architecture and learn about their great history. Eric Shah on the bottom far."

AMY Perez: "Their (her two sons') age gap is not a problem at all. It's actually an advantage. Raising boys at Adi (at Kyle, she helps me take care of his baby brother. Adi is matured and responsible enough to guide and teach Kyle."

Of YOU enjoyed looking at celeb's "behind-the-lens" Instagram shots in my Monday column, here's more.

It's good to see the stars also as persons and not just as personalities. Looks like the Instagramania is here to stay.

JULIA Baloso: "That's Nio, our little rockstar! Our concern with Nio is that sometimes he thinks he's Captain America or The Incredible Hulk. He's so mahilig makisuntukan! Now I'm sure I understand why some parents tell us, "Nako ibang bata ang alaga ng anak nyo kapag kalaro." Nio has to be guarded all the time. We want Nio and Aleya to grow up to be independent, responsible, charitable and most of all God-fearing. To end I want them to follow their dreams and be who they want someday."

DIXIE Akland with baby Nico

DOLLY WOOD

Dolly Anne Carvajal

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Secret lovers caught in FB photo

SAM PINTO: PBB1 named woman for the second time

By the Entertainment Staff

PRETTY Model hoops denying that she and Hooky Actor are a couple.

PS, however, had been spotted watching it and out of 100 it could be holding by hilarious.

In another instance, PS visited the set of 666 latest project.

An over-enthusiastic production staffer innocently posted on their book a photo of Liz and PS together. The unintentional sweetie will surely make PS and 666s respective families go ballistic.

Air rage

Acclaimed actress is purportedly a nightmare to travel with, according to a flight attendant.

During one flight, AR was allegedly spitz rude to JR. Moreover, AA was a chatterbox as well. Needless to say, Ady statement felt "betrayed" throughout the trip.

Another Veteran actress is just as obnoxious. VA supposedly expects to be upgraded every time she flies abroad.

SA brazenly throws her weight around, bullying the poor crew.

Million-peso exact

While everyone in the company is overwhelming, Top Stars 1 and Top Stars 2 are living in high style.

TS1 reportedly rents out for a month, while TS2 lunches various books with copies, not gifts.

Seems the TSs are trying to upstage Hosts Announcers.

While they roll around in dough, they have the chutzpah to ask their underlings to sacrifice and not claim overtime pay.

RUSHES

Separate cars

Celebrity romantic are guys Nicki Belo insists that she and comedian/yoga instructor Al Gulang are not sweethearts. "He's not my ka-lovers," she pleaded to the media.

She explained that he was just helping her promote his latest project. The finished Application on iPad.

After the project's launch, the rumored couple left the venue together. As the parking lot, however, they went their separate ways.

A witness reported that while she proceeded in her own car, the guy followed suit.

Make of that what you will.

'Chocoholic'

Comedian/TV host Michael V. who has been enduring his latest 2007, just finished shooting a commercial for the food brand's new product. She called the Chocoholic Delicious.

DJ Ferry Cordova at Republiq

DJ Ferry Cordova will open classic vamos and new mixes tomorrow night at Republiq Club in Resorts World Manila. Cordova has just released his latest album, "PINOY," which includes 14 brand new tracks.

KIM Chiu Greeted in Abu Vi

MICHAEL V shoots new TV commercial

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Top of the Talk Shows

For those who missed last week's TV goldmine. (and why we are moved...if we are moved):

• Wally Bayola on Juan: Nkwan ki jo kmi nakapanood. Anyway bating naman binubola komi kapag may tagusuhing. Sa pwede daw kng mag pa-picture? Hndyo it while it lasts, since hir time is flecting. (

• Dida Pinto on winning PBB as last woman for the second straight year. "Still my surprised also. This is crazy! ...Ngayon magbubunda ako o tanga. Di na ako Aakasi!" (Ok, your nerves got you that. Sr magandda ang nirvang ang ay.)

• Sid Lucero, asked if he really falls in love with his leading ladies. "To a certain extent, oo. Para not all the way!" (Mahay mo. they may feel the same way about you.)

• Jackie Rice, asked if she's already living in with her non-showbiz boyfriend. Mhok, kasama ko po kung

DAWN Zulueta: Surprised

ESTERRY Cordova will perform tomorrow at Republiq Club in Resorts World Manila

dad ko sa bahay ... TOO nga. Ang kwap kaya mga live-in Aalong si Dad dr mga kasama ko sa bahay.)

• Kim Chiu on "The Healing" natin Mina Santos: "Mina-mahirap niya ako. Minsan niya, Marap nang-inis ako a day Vl...Sabi niya huwag nang umalangit. Sang-ayon, dapat na sa dahil naman lang mangyayari. Is" (Hmmmm we love you, Ate MJ!)

• Carmina Villarroel, asked when was the last time she felt "falling". Meyong palagi naman akong kinikilig, eh! Kahit nagiging ina kami ni Xavier Dagupol, kinikilig pa rin ako sa kanya. Walang joke talaga 'yon!" (Good sis, kinikilig ka raw!)

• Dawn Zulueta, asked about her team-up with Richard Gomez in "Walang Hanggan": "Nangyong ngayon, kahit na sa edad kong ito, may sa-surprise pa rin ako! Di ko alam na marami pa ring matutuklasan sa love team namin." (Oh, for sure!)

• Andi Eigenmann on her daughter Ella: changed her life: "Mas nawa na kong direction, at motivated to keep going. Kasi everything I do now in my life is all connected to, or about, Ella." (Spoken like a true mommy.)

(Starstuff, Pagsumvari, The Buzz, with Allan Policarpio, contributor)

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THE PETA choir renders a song from the play "Ang Palengke sa Valentin," which won for Mario O'Hara the top prize in the Centennial Literary Competition in 1998.

Goodbye to a gifted, gentle guy

Colleagues from theater, radio, TV and the movies stage a grand sendoff for Mario O'Hara

By Bayani San Diego Jr.
Photos by Arnold Almacen

IT WAS a celebration of a life well-lived.

Colleagues from theater, radio, TV and the movies mounted a grand sendoff for filmmaker-scriptwriter Mario O'Hara, 66, who passed away last week.

Most of the guests at the tribute on Friday night at the Saint Alphonsus Mary Ligouri parish near Magallanes Village in Makati felt O'Hara had left too soon.

Still, amid the tears, O'Hara's closest friends chose to remember the good times—stories likely the wife he touched their lives in her own special and humorous way.

The chapel was packed, its show biz patronage, it was a box office hit.

The program began with stirring performances from O'Hara's peers from the Philippine Educational Theater Association (Peta). The Peta choir rendered a song from "Ang Palengke sa Valentin," which won for O'Hara the top prize in the Centennial Literary Competition in 1998.

It was a night of pleasant discoveries as family and friends recounted previous anecdotes about the gifted artist.

Irene Tapsoc recalled that O'Hara was fiercely protective of him, even publicly

ELYWOOD Perez, Mel Chionglo, Irene Tapsoc and Joel Lamangan

becoming a mystery who was clueless about the younger director's body of work in theater.

When Tapsoc asked O'Hara to play the lead in the Peta play "Huli ng Sarsuela" in 1998, the actually calm, cool guy was touched an explosive out of sheer excitement: "W_ _ _ for! That's my dream role!"

Fellow filmmaker Joel Lamangan recalled how O'Hara "feared" him to go naked on the set of "Mona," the late filmmaker's debut movie in 1976.

Lamangan recalled: "He chided me because I was looking for a dressing room in the middle of the forest. He said 'Look at Ladies Room!' (parody of Sen's soap) 'She had no qualms about changing costumes in front of the crew. Or ego, she was wearing a bikini under her dress."

Tapsoc and Lamangan, O'Hara's fellow thespians in Peta, both said the late actor-helped-them get their directorial breaks on the movies. Tapsoc for "Cacho" and Lamangan for "Macho."

A recurring theme throughout the night was O'Hara's generosity to colleagues.

Filmmaker Elwood Perez told the audience that O'Hara passed on a project to him only a few months ago. "He asked a common friend to see me to ask me if I could take over one of his projects."

A poignant eulogy was delivered by TV director Rado Perez, who pointed out that he had his start in the business as a production assistant in the drama anthology "Lovingly Yours, Helen," which O'Hara directed.

"He taught me everything I know about directing," Perez said. "My words and I owe him a lot."

Theater collaborator Frank Rivera recited a poem—with lines culled from the titles of O'Hara's best movies as actor ("Tubog sa Ginto"), writer ("Tanong") and director ("Tatlong Taong Walang Diyos," and "Huli Ba Ang Lahat").

An exercise freak

Theater stalwart Ronnie Quillo related that O'Hara, the exercise freak, would walk from his home in Ransiel, Malate to Roxas Boulevard and then Baid Avenue and Ermita in Manila, after which he would retrace his steps back home.

Quillo quoted O'Hara as saying: "In a while I really think I get the impression to swim."

It was during one of those long walks that O'Hara met and interviewed a young pinay named Arlene, whom he describes the birth of the Mario Bang Rebate in filmdom, which also starred in the Cannes Directors' Fortnight in 2003.

Another story O'Hara divulged a relative-known fact: O'Hara first learned his acting chops in radio drama serials. "We did the voice of various characters: young and old, male and female, rich and poor," said Jerry.

"He kept all the old radio scripts that I wrote for him," said writer-actress Moly Tapsoc, most popularly known as Miss Tapsoc.

Also present at the tribute were members of the O'Hara family, led by 91-year-old mother Bevilina Reyneros O'Hara.

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Medical bulletin on Pidol suspended

THE FAMILY of comedy king Dolphy decided to suspend regular briefings on his health last weekend because of his improved condition.

"We also want to give the press people time to rest," said Dolphy's son and family spokesperson, Eric Quizon.

The crisis of the comedian has taken its toll on everyone—even, naturally, the ex-patients. It doesn't help that "we are all in a hospital" and are constantly exposed to all sorts of pathogens, Eric explained.

Facing the media for the regular briefings has also tired Eric. He said that he has been told to move from the notes-you can ask us a regular room source-to microphone.

He added: "He has become more lucid. He smiles at us now. He even made out his tongue, and he is brave in expression of his."

Apart from taking his orange juice and water, the 83-year-old comic has also been munching the word "coco." "He tends to get bored, but doctors said it's normal to monitor his condition," said Eric.

He said that the family considers these positive developments a "miracle"—a direct result of the good wishes of countless Filipinos who have kept vigil as well.

Bayani San Diego Jr.

WINNERS ALL. (From left) Gutierrez Mangansakan II and Ed Lejano, grand jury prize; McRobert Placente, best artist in contributions; Sue Prado, best actress; Sigfrid Barros Sanchez, grand juried prize; Raul Mork, best actor; Ayan Prado, best animated short film

Indies seek gov't help

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The best artistic contribution award was given to cinematographer McRobert Placente for his work in "Diorama."

Lejano said he was pleased to have been part of and to have won an award in the PDCP-sponsored festival. "Directly, nobody on police headquarters sues Jason Francis.

"It's a festival that's free and here no censor interference. It's original," Lejano told the inquirer.

He added that he found the idea of bringing film festivals to the provinces encouraging. "Indie films making happens not only in the city but also in the regions," he stressed.

Best performances

The ensemble cast of "Kidnapper"—Bonnie Lazaro, Hezel Buencamino, Ley Quijano, Solomon Cruz, Jenjie Gamos, Pierre Moreno and Raul Mork—won the best performance by an actor award. Only Mork was present to receive the trophy.

"Kidnapper" is about a group of down-and-out-of-luck men who attempt to make a film but in using Bonnie Lazaro, currently the most sought-after local indie actor, Cebu actors whom Lazaro brings off from acting on the supposed indie film. The men then forcibly abduct him and force him to work on the project in a dilapidated house in Dumpio.

Sue Prado won best performance by an actress for her portrayal of a movie mother who recounts a nerve-racking makeshift hunt to bring her two sons to school in "Ika Bangka Ba Di Ka Dawa Ingon." Isabel Sobrevega won the film with Fyrnel Abad and Jill.

Winner of the best animated short film was "El Pagong ni Si Mabong" by Carmen del Prado, Dody Dongallano and Hal Isip-ressler. "Pinky Tuloy" ng Panawey" (No End in Sight) by Gardito Espejo Tulay bagged the best documentary award.

'Haim' pullout

Meanwhile, the producers and supporters of the full-length feature "Haim" staged a protest on Sunday night demanding that the PDCP reverse its earlier decision to pull out the film from the festival.

PDCP Chair Briccio Santos earlier ordered the pullout of the controversial entry "pending settlement of dispute" between its director Loop Garcia and producer Belinda Dimayuga.

"This was very unfair to us," said producer Lilli Arellano, who was among the protesters in front of Cinema 4 of Ayala Cinemas, where the festival's award ceremony was being held.

Arellano added: "It's not right that just because a director throws a fit, [upbringing] he said. (The PDCP) said it was merely trying to avoid controversy. Isn't it controversy when it pulled out a film it ordered to be pulled out?"

"Haim" is one of 28 films—full-length features, documentaries and animated shorts—selected from the PDCP-initiated National Film Competition held last year. The finalists were awarded seed money to finish their movies.

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JURY members (from left) Paulo Bertolini, Ray Ivenek, Sabrina Baracaia and Christine Hurst

GRAM Magazine Philippines, also a jury member, receives a token of appreciation from PDCP chair Briccio Santos

Bicol pageant showcases inner beauty

By Aurora Adina

NATIONAL beauty contests may want to look at the recent Miss Iriga City pageant which, despite breaking conventions, successfully mounted an entertaining production.

The pageant did not have swimsuit competition—which is an eagerly awaited segment in most beauty contests.

An insider told the Inquirer that since Iriga Mayor Madeleine Alegria-Gutierrez took office, the segment has been scrapped from the program.

The source said Gutierrez wanted to veer away from physical attributes as a major factor in crowning beauty pageants and focus instead on the contestants' inner strengths. The move also made it easier for the local government to enlist sponsors who are not only interested but competitive as well.

Angel May Villaluerte—who won a striking resemblance to 2011 Miss Universe Third runner-up Shamcey Supsup—was crowned 2012 Miss Dinaonida in the Iriga City coliseum packed to the rafters with supporters who cheered and whistled for their favorite.

Villaluerte also showed her sense of sportsmanship—a trait which is likewise needed when facing the press.

Asked to respond to the litigation's spat and/or, as underlined by the city's favorite Gloria, Villaluerte replied: "Siguradon abalyo pat God. Basi in everything they do. Because with God, everything is possible . . . God is a God of possibilities."

The city's famous landmarks, tourist attractions and indicators of progress were also integrated in the question-and-answer segment.

One of the judges said Villaluerte ranked first after tallying the scores of five panel. But because she is not eligible for the main title, she was proclaimed Miss Dinaonida. Her crown came with a P150,000 cash prize.

The main title of Miss Iriga City went to Maria Lisa Peregrino, which netted her P250,000. Mercyl Angeline King from Dist. Centurion Sur, was P100,000 for the third title, Miss Bicol Tourism.

The pageant also did away with singing a one-long production, which was usually the province in the provinces.

"Pilipinas Got Talent" finalist Jr. Gemini Fernandez gave a spectacular performance, accompanied by the song "Ulan Mo Ang Pilipinas."

ABS-CBN star Luis Manzano was in presence in the evening's host, trading banters with the crowd and the candidates.

The pageant also served as a crash course on getting to know Iriga City's famous residents, including the country's Supreme Man music, former Gov. Eddie Rande, Senator Secretary Leila de Lima and the late Budget Secretary Emilia Boncodin.

All these elements made the 2012 Miss Iriga City pageant a showcase of Bicol's beauty.

ANGEL May Villaluerte was crowned 2012 Miss Dinaonida in the Miss Iriga City competition.

League of Corporate Foundations

CSR EXPO 2012

Transforming the Business of Giving Back

CRYSTALLIZING CSR FOR NATION-BUILDING:

League of Corporate Foundations' 11th CSR Expo to 'sharpen tools' for sustainable CSR

MAKING the end of its crystal year, the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF) counts another milestone in promoting the practice of corporate social responsibility (CSR) towards nation-building. The CSR Expo, which will take place on July 5 and 6 at the SMX Convention Center, is themed "Transforming the Business of Giving Back." "LCF has championed the task in pursuing sustainable CSR, towards nation-building," according to Lydia Sarmiento-Enrile, chair of the Sarmiento Foundation, one of the LCF's founding organizations. She is also governor of the Management Association of the Philippines, and former LCF president. "I think the time has come to look at CSR from a different point of view, and 'transforming' for me is the right term because we are very quickly evolving into something which is far cooler than merely of just giving, or philanthropy, and then slowly we emerged into what the majority would call CSR practices," noted Sarmiento-Enrile, who has been in the field of social development for more than 20 years. "I look at it as a full circle, because way back in the mid-'80s, we were interested in the core business but different things interested us that there was a time when doing CSR which is directly related to your business was considered a conflict of interest," she said. "But now the most effective or the most sustainable type of CSR is that which is directly linked to your core business." Although CSR has significantly evolved from merely community relations and philanthropy, implementing CSR efforts effectively is a very real challenge. "We operate in a business environment, and it's very difficult to predict everything that will happen," says Sarmiento-Enrile. "It's not as though the business environment is always healthy and strong. When the business environment is under a lot of pressure, given all of these objectives, it can be quite a challenge for professional managers. And I think this is why the idea of strategic CSR is very important." LCF "is a very strong learning experience," Sarmiento-Enrile explained. "Over the last 15 years, LCF is the single organization that has had the greatest impact in terms of consciousness on the concept of corporate social responsibility and this is principally because of the annual CSR Expo. We have reached out to the biggest audience from the youth, the academe, the practitioners, civil society, and even people who did not know what CSR was all about." The 11th CSR Expo is fully self-explanatory: how businesses can operate with social, environmental and economic responsibility, and within an ethical framework while ensuring sufficient financial returns for sustainability. Around 600 delegates consisting of CSR practitioners, executives, entrepreneurs, government representatives, academicians, and civil society partners are expected to attend the expo. Topics during the two-day conference include social entrepreneurship, Filipino cultural values, public-private partnerships, volunteerism and philanthropy, revealing shared values, and social media for CSR, among others. The Expo will feature an exhibition of the development work of corporations and corporate foundations, as well as free CSR 101 sessions for teachers and students to increase their awareness and knowledge on the practice of CSR across industries. As in previous years, LCF is once again adopting green conference practices to keep waste at a minimum and to recycle and reuse materials as the environment permits. For more information, visit the CSR Expo's official event website, www.lcf.org.ph/csrexpo2012.

THE COUNTRY'S top leaders of member organizations of the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF) show their support for the 11th Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Expo themed "Transforming the Business of Giving Back." Photo shows (from left) Alessio dePanfilis Jr., president and CEO of PHINMA Inc.; Maria Lourdes Heras-Bautista, president of Ayala Foundation; Bernie S. Hendrick III, CEO of BPI Foundation; Nina Lopez Ramirez, president and CEO of Knowledge Channel; Michael Tan, COO of Asia Brewery Inc.; Cynthia Villar, managing director of Villar Foundation; and Eli Antonio, president of UCPB-Gen Foundation.

Inspire volunteerism in the workplace through CSR

League of Corporate Foundations urges companies to inspire volunteerism among employees through corporate social responsibility

AHLARO. WINNING artist Cloe Kahikopian gives lessons on watercolors to children in the dark and Cubism class during the Media Lunch of the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF) Corporate Social Responsibility Expo 2012 on May 30 at the Ayala Museum. The LCF CSR Expo will be held on July 5 and 6 at the SMX Convention Center.

In a highly competitive economy, should organizations still be involved in responding to social problems? "Even more so!" says Ike Lacson of Corporate Foundations (LCF), a network of over 70 operating and grant-making corporate foundations and corporations that promote and enhance the strategic practice of corporate social responsibility (CSR) towards sustained national development.

Any company—big or small—can create a significant, positive impact beyond the confines of their workplace. "Companies exist as part of a community. It follows as impact CSR programs must truly impact people in the organization," LCF vice-chair Camille Buenaventura said. "By helping fulfill their company's role as a responsible citizen, employees clearly perceive their personal impact, which enhances their self-worth and sense of purpose."

Volunteerism, in a practical sense, has multiple merits that help achieve objectives ranging akin to make a difference—both to the community and the corporate bottom line—foundation into being more productive, motivated, and proactive in the long run.

The 2011 report of the Global Corporate Volunteering Research Project by the International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE) states that corporate volunteering is "a dynamic, global force, driven by companies that want to make a significant difference to serious global and local problems."

Globally, there is renewed energy for volunteerism. The year 2011 is the tenth anniversary of the United Nations International Year of Volunteers, and the week of volunteerism around the world has been cited to achieving progress on the Millennium Development Goals, a set of eight goals to end extreme poverty by 2015.

In the Philippines, LCF is at the forefront of promoting volunteerism among its more than 70 corporate members. This year, it continues to advance the practice of CSR and volunteerism in its annual CSR Expo taking place on July 5 and 6 (Thursday and Friday), at the SMX Convention Center's World of Arts, Paseo Gen. The theme for this year's Expo is "Transforming the Business of Giving Back."

According to Buenaventura, "Companies that encourage volunteerism among their employees build the organization and create a bigger impact by achieving CSR goals through collective action." Building and nurturing a culture of volunteerism in the workplace includes a few steps to help set approaches, says Buenaventura.

One approach is by developing a clear CSR mission statement. Give employees a clear understanding of what social or environmental issues your organization is striving to help address. Create a CSR mission statement to aid goal-setting. For instance, if your business uses paper heavily, as in the publishing industry, you can make it your mission to reduce your carbon footprint through activities like paper recycling and self-leveraging on food products, you can offset water use by helping communities in need of clean, safe, accessible water through water stewardship.

It also helps to lead by example. Employees, chief executives, or managers that initiate volunteers to demonstrate the value of community involvement send a positive message to employees and instill in them the value of giving back to society. Employees who are willing to share their time, resources and talents with the communities or beneficiaries are often also highly successful at managing their own organizations," Buenaventura said.

Another approach is to communicate your advocacy in a compelling way. Clearly communicating the organization's advocacy increases visibility, fosters goodwill, and enhances the company's impact. It also helps employees understand the meetings with other organizations and the community. Communicating your CSR agenda in a compelling way will raise employees' awareness, interest, and commitment to your CSR programs.

Another tip to remember is find a triple employee champion who will thrust ideas. A company needs to set up a committee to oversee CSR policies and monitor, outline or accomplish staff from various departments in, if possible, employees on board to lead in achieving CSR objectives. This way key personnel can still focus on core business activities, while the assigned committee oversees the social or environmental aspect of your operations, compliance with environmental laws and regulations, as well as ethical business standards.

Lastly, do measure and evaluate your CSR programs. After all is said and done, asking the question "Is it working?" or participants may assess a more successful CSR run the following year. Inquire about staff participation and how they view their contributions. Carefully review results and respond to issues and suggestions. Feedback is suggestions on how to enhance the current programs.

Organizations can promote volunteerism in different ways but ideally, it should be on integral part of corporate culture. Encouragement, participation, positive reinforcement, and encouragement are key to getting employees to volunteer or actively participate in CSR programs.

To know more about the CSR Expo, log on at www.lcf.org.ph/csrexpo2012, or contact Linda Bulseng at 757-3660 or lcfsecretariat@gmail.com for protocol information and sponsorship opportunities.

STUDENTS do tests at hand tasks as Knowledge Channel Foundation vice president and CEO Rina Lopez-Bautista plays a video lesson to enrichment of learning in the Education class during the Media Launch of the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF) Corporate Social Responsibility Expo 2012. The LCF CSR Expo will be held on July 5 and 6 at the SMX Convention Center.

CSR: When is enough enough?

League of Corporate Foundations' 11th CSR Expo to focus on sustainability, nation-building

AT WHAT point should businesses draw the line between doing just right and doing too much?

For 11 years, the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF) has endeavored to recognize the practice of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in every company's corporate structure and culture. The CSR Expo, which will take place July 5 and 6 at the SMX Convention Center, is themed "Transforming the Business of Giving Back."

"The League of Corporate Foundations has been committed to promoting the practice of CSR among businesses for 15 years. Now, as we close out crystal years and enter a new chapter, it is appropriate for us to ask the following critical questions: Is CSR working? Are we making a difference? Are we reaching out to communities, the final mile? And, are we really looking at CSR to create giving or philanthropy, but rather as a way of paying a business it to the communities we serve," says Sonny Garcia, LCF chair and managing director of Bank Information, Inc.

"This is why we explore new ways and strategies to make our CSR programs more relevant and sustainable, that is, through the annual CSR Expo," he said.

LCF vice-chair and Ayala Migrant Foundation, Inc. executive director Camille Buenaventura also shares this vision for LCF. "We have always wanted LCF to be the league of choice. Anything that's to do with CSR, we want people to know 'who do we run to?' It's the League of Corporate Foundations."

The 11th CSR Expo in July will highlight how businesses can operate such social, environmental and economic responsibility and sustain its efforts to remain viable, by earning sufficient financial returns for sustainability. Around 500 delegates consisting of CSR practitioners, executives, entrepreneurs, government representatives, academicians, and civil society partners are expected to attend the Expo.

"The Expo is actually a venue for exchanging knowledge and insights on CSR and winning the latest trends. You have a whole array of companies, corporate foundations doing different things to empower communities. Private sector companies other members will learn as well the best practices. It's a good venue for corporate foundations which are starting operations or are already established but are thinking of coming up with new programs," says Buenaventura.

"As we attend the Expo, you get to have this feeling that 'I need to be involved' and that's what the Expo should do. Touch the sensibilities of the new trends of doing CSR, make them feel good and realize that they can actually adopt the practices," she added.

Topics during the two-day conference include social entrepreneurship, Filipino cultural values, public-private partnerships, volunteerism and philanthropy, social media for CSR, and global CSR trends, among others. The Expo will feature an exhibition of the development projects of corporate foundations, as well as how CSR 101 seminars for students to increase their awareness and knowledge on the practice of CSR across industries.

For more information, visit the CSR Expo's official website, www.lcf.org.ph/csrexpo2012.

AHV FOUNDATION HELDS BALIK-ESKUWELA 2012

AHV Foundation, in cooperation with Barangay Chief Dwight Mateo and Kagawad Pedrito Medina of Barangay 39-D Zone 12, District 1 of Caloocan, held its Balik-Eskuwela last June 23. With the help of volunteers, AHV Foundation distributed school kits containing basic school supplies such as notebooks, pencils, crayons, papers, etc. to the Nursery and Kindergarten pupils of the barangay. Since 2005, AHV Foundation is handing out kits of school supplies and has been giving students by way of giving scholarship. The Foundation has also done projects concerning the environment, livelihood, entrepreneurs, and the like. More than 1,000 pieces of children's learning materials have been recipients of "Balik Eskuwela Project", Feeding Programs and Christmas Parties for the less privileged children. Currently, AHV Foundation has more than 100 graduates and almost 100 existing scholars enrolled in different universities, nationwide.

Greening the practice of CSR, League of Corporate Foundations promotes practice of 'green' corporate social responsibility

CORPORATE social responsibility (CSR) is central to how businesses operate and stay competitive. However, companies need to carefully measure the way they develop or plan their CSR interventions or activities—so their investments are cost-effective. Whether it's a team of talented people, funds, energy, or supplies, resources need to be put to good use, says Sonny Garcia, chair of the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF) and executive vice president and managing director of Ayala Foundation. "One of the ways we can ensure the relevance and impact of our projects is to make sure that it does not harm the environment in any way," said Garcia. Urban gardening projects, for example, can make use of plastic bottles either as pots or watering containers. Eco-bag made of tarpaulin materials or reusable boxes may be used to transport materials or equipment during medical missions, community build-outs or clean-up drives. Businesses may also partner with suppliers who are willing to or are already engaging in socially responsible practices.

On-time is the many preparatory meetings," Garcia said. LCF encourages delegates to register online, reprint a carbon footprint well, have a tree seedling planted in their name at the DPO Watershed Center in Montalban, Rodizal, according to LCF. "Every and global CSR trends, among others. Bulseng, according to LCF. "Every and global CSR trends, among others. Bulseng, according to LCF. "Every and global CSR trends, among others. Bulseng

Historical Commission confers Gawad Rizal to Metrobank Foundation

In line with the recent celebration of 150 or 160th anniversary of Dr. Jose Rizal last June 30, the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI) received the distinguished sesquicentennial Gawad Rizal (Institutional Category) from the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP). The event serves as the culminating activity of "Read@150" which was launched a year ago by NHCP. The awarding was held right at the national hero's birthplace in Real Alaras, Calamba City, Laguna which was attended by distinguished members from the government offices, local government units, academes, business, Rizal's family descendants, and locals.

As the four institutional awardee, MBFI was cited for its promotion of excellence in service and performance among professionals in the fields of arts, education, peace and security as well as the organization's dedication to implementing relevant programs that inspire and empower Filipinos, thus, contributing to a stronger nation.

In his acceptance speech, MBFI president Antonio Sobrepeña expressed gratitude that comes with the award. "This award is too wonderful to claim as our own. It also belongs to the many other foundations and NGOs who are working to improve lives, empower people, uphold the dignity of man. We share this with them too and doing so, we enlarge a capacity for hope that our collective efforts will contribute to a better Philippines," said Sobrepeña.

The award was conferred by NHCP president Maria Serena Diokno and assisted by HPI senior vice president Emmanuel Herbosa, a close descendant of Rizal. "We have an institution, the Metrobank Foundation which has been inspiring professionals from all walks of life to become modern-day Rizals," said Herbosa in his message. He commended the awardees for they have been chosen because they have proved, that like Rizal, very ordinary Filipinos can achieve extraordinary feats if one has the non-negotiable passion to work for the welfare of his country and its people.

Instrumental in the nomination of the MBFI to the Gawad Rizal was Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Armin Luistro,FSC who have been a consistent supporter of the advocacies of MBFI. "Dr. Rizal's spirit lives on to the present. I have no doubt that MBFI's impact is likewise enduring. It remains to be the catalyst for nation-building beyond the confines of business interests, through its core values and programs that unleash the hero within every Filipino. Both agencies unite a lasting hope in the Philippines . It is this commitment in recognizing excellence and engaging every Filipino that has paved the way for the spirit of Rizal's ideas to remain in our midst," expressed Luistro.

Launched during the commemoration of Rizal @150 in 2011 by NHCP, the Gawad Rizal seeks to recognize individuals and institutions that have remarkable track record of stimulating and encouraging works toward the Rizalian concepts of love of country and fulfillment of duties of Filipino citizenship; exceptional achievement, individual or institutional, in accordance that has displayed strong orientation toward service to the community and/or country at large, in light of Rizal's teaching and way of life; or promoting and encouraging civic competence and integrity. Other recipients of the award include Dr. Paul Arvin Datoy—a renowned playwright, historian, and educator whose works have been greatly inspired by the life and works of Rizal and a posthumous award to Cesar Climaco—a former Zamboanga City mayor who championed the rights of his people during the Marcos Era, fulfilling his duties with utmost integrity, nationalism, and dedicated service.

Metrobank Foundation president Antonio M. Sobrepeña (center) accepts the award from National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) president Dr. Maria Serena I. Diokno (right) and Emmanuel Herbosa (left), representing the family of Rizal.

Mr. Sobrepeña with officers and staff of the Metrobank Foundation, from left: Ms. Libbi Sabio of the Wealth Chair Mercedes Aldaz, Irene Gabriel and Anne Mendoza.

Rizal's Legacy Lives On!

A Testament to a Trademark of Excellence

The standard of excellence espoused by the Metrobank Foundation is again affirmed and recognized by its peers within and beyond the development circles with the addition of yet another bravely, this in its list of citations. To be the four institutional awardee of the Gawad Rizal by the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) and as part of Rizal's 150th birth anniversary celebration is meaningful for a corporate citizen to celebrate, coincident with its mission of showcasing the best in the Filipinos.

The award comes with a responsibility that is entrusted each that the legacies left behind by our greatest National Hero continue to shine and flourish in our midst while it serves as an opportunity to re-affirm commitments to make a difference in the lives of our people and contribute to building our beloved nation.

The recipient received GAWAD RIZAL from its distinguished awardees conferred to the Metrobank Foundation, Inc. (MBFI) is presented to Metrobank Group chairman and founder Dr. George S.K. Ty (center) by MBFI president Antonio M. Sobrepeña (left), who were joined by Metrobank chairman Arthur K. Ty (right).

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League of Corporate Foundations to discuss new trends, issues on sustainability at 11th CSR Expo

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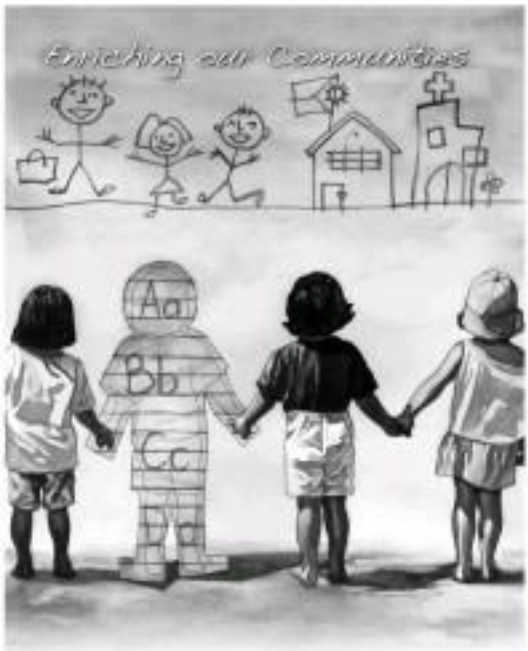
FOR MORE than 50 years, the concept of corporate social responsibility (CSR) has gradually emerged as a significant theme among the larger business community. From mere giving or philanthropy, the idea of 'giving back' to the society has slowly become a trend which eventually evolved as a culture among large corporations, giving birth to the term 'corporate social responsibility.' The new term underscored the nature of the CSR agenda as a corporate initiative integrated with the core business strategy, rather than a series of independent activities. As both the trends in the business arena and the needs of communities change through time, this paradigm shift continues to open new areas of development in CSR as address issues on evolving, but ever-sustainable.

"At another CSR model is emerging—the social enterprise, involving bigger responsibilities and, in many cases, deeper commitments. For 15 years, the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF) has been the catalyst in promoting strategic practice of CSR among businesses. In its annual CSR Expo, which will take place July 5 and 6 at the SMX Convention Center, LCF will address current issues on CSR and explore new strategies in making CSR programs relevant and sustainable. This year's Expo is themed "Transforming the Business of Giving Back." " The Expo gives opportunity to replicable examples or best practice and so it has inculcated in many corporate minds the beauty of having a CSR program," says Paola Asaa, president of the Philippine Coffee Board, founder and former president of Figaro Coffee Company and Figaro Foundation, and a former teacher and president of LCF. She has almost 10 years of experience in CSR projects. "It's difficult to say this but all companies must be social enterprises in an ideal world. It must come from the heart. And many come from a business need. Otherwise it will just be charity, philanthropic or government," says Asaa. "I hope LCF continues to be the driving force behind CSR practitioners who still do not practice CSR. LCF should take-aim beyond SMEs (small and medium enterprises) because they are a big part of the business landscape." Social enterprise has two goals: to achieve social, cultural, community economic or environmental outcomes, and to earn revenue (Grameen for Grameenomy for-profit). With a bigger premise and more focused targets, building a social enterprise poses challenges for companies.

"Challenges are present when your business model does not believe in CSR. As a CEO, even if your employees may believe in CSR, you must always check with your investor-partners if they also believe in CSR," Asaa also believes that the social enterprise must be the one leading the CSR efforts of their companies. "The CEO must lead it, live it, and be enlisted by it," LCF vice-chair and San Miguel Foundation executive director Cristilla Bautista-Arespacochaga also shares his views on CSR. "The reason why we have strong corporate social responsibility in the Philippines is because of our Filipino values and morals. That's our springboard. And social enterprise, that is still where it's coming from," she said.

VILLAR Foundation president Cynthia Villar reads a story as the value of reading and persistence to the kids in the illustration.

The symposium was during the Media Launch of the League of Corporate Foundations (LCF) Corporate Social Responsibility Expo 2012. The LCF CSR Expo will be held on July 5 and 6 at the SMX Convention Center.



Aboitiz Foundation, AGAPP turn over 21 more kinder school buildings

THE ABOITIZ Foundation, in partnership with the Aklan, Cebu, Negros Occ. and Negros Oriental Provincial Governments, Aboitiz Power-Renewables, Inc. (APRI), Cebu Private Power Corporation (CPPC), Cebu Energy Development Corporation (CEDC), Visayan Electric Company (VECO), Cebu Light Industrial Park (CLIP), Cebu Light & Power Company (CLPC), Cebu Light & Power Service Company (CLPSC), Cebu Light & Power Utilities Group (CLPUG), Cebu Light & Power Water Company (CLPWC), Cebu Light & Power Water Utilities Group (CLPWUG), Cebu Light & Power Water Service Company (CLPWS